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GEN. THOMAS' ARMY.

Particulars of Hood's Defeat and Flight.

Eighteen General Officers and Seventeen Thousand Men Disabled.

FIFTY-ONE CANNON CAPTURED.

Hood's Pontoons on the Tennessee Out of Reach of Our Gunboats.

OUR ARMY STILL PURSUING.

The Advance Across Duck River.

HOOD'S ADVANCE AT PULASKI.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

Franklin, Tenn., Thursday, Dec. 22.

The rebel retreat from Franklin to Duck River beggars all description. Hood told his Corps Commanders to get off the best way they could with their commands. Frank Cheatham told his aunt, Miss Page, that Hood was ordered to Nashville against his own wishes, but he blames Hood for not attacking Schofield at Spring Hill. Hood ordered Bate to attack at Spring Hill, and he didn't do it.

The rebel army is now beyond Columbia. During the rebel tarry in front of Nashville they captured but two locomotives and ten cars. The railroad is but little injured, and trains are running up to Spring Hill; but two small bridges destroyed. Trains were run to Murfreesboro' on Sunday.

Telegraphic communication is all right with all points. But two small trestles are destroyed on the Johnsonville road. Johnsonville itself was not destroyed.

The rebel loss, during the campaign, was 17,000 men, fifty-one cannon captured and eighteen general officers. The killed, at Franklin, numbered 1,400 the wounded 3,800, and 1,000 prisoners were taken.

In the battles before Nashville and retreat to Columbia there were 3,000 killed and wounded and 8,000 prisoners. The Federal loss in the battle at Franklin was 2,000, before Nashville not 4,000. The total Federal loss will not reach 7,000, with two generals slightly wounded.

Hood has a pontoon bridge above the shoals on the Tennessee River, where our gunboats can't reach it.

Hood marched on Franklin with 40,000 men, including cavalry, and 65 pieces of artillery. He lost just half his general officers, and counting in deserters which are coming in and stragglers which are being captured, he will lose nearly half his men. The rout is complete, although his army is not quite annihilated.

B. C. TRUMAN.

THE VERY LATEST.

Nashville, Friday, Dec. 23.

The latest accounts from the front locate Gen. Thomas' headquarters at Rutherford Hill, yesterday morning, eight miles this side of Columbia. Since that time our forces have crossed Duck River, and have moved to a point south of Columbia. Our cavalry forces crossed at Hunter's Ford, below Columbia, and dashed into the town, the enemy meanwhile retreating without firing a shot. We captured about fifty stragglers.

The rebel force was, at last accounts, at Pulaski, yesterday morning. They are probably some distance south of that place to-day. They are closely followed by our cavalry. No particular damage was done to the town of Columbia by the passage through it of the two armies.

At least one-third of Hood's army are without arms and equipments, everything which impedes their flight having been thrown away. Rebel deserters and prisoners report the only effective corps of Hood's army to be S. D. Lee's.

Forrest effected a junction with Hood at Columbia on Tuesday evening.

The water on the Shoals is fifteen feet deep, and at a stand-still.

THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE.

Nashville, Friday, Dec. 16—Midnight.

The readers of newspapers do not know what correspondents suffer sometimes in mind. For instance, imagine a poor fellow taking the chances of a battle all day, then riding several miles in the dark, with mud up to his horse's belly, to find "the wires down east of Louisville." This has been the case with the subscriber, and others, for the past two days. The fighting yesterday and to-day, as I have stated in a telegram which, may be, you have never received, has been grander and more magnificent in detail than anything I have ever witnessed upon a field of battle.

THURSDAY'S FIGHT.

Early in the morning the enemy's line of battle was within musket shot of Nashville, with both flanks resting upon the river, with Gen. Frank Cheatham's corps on the rebel right, crossing the Lebanon, Murfreesboro and Nolensville Pikes; Stephen D. Lee's corps in the centre, crossing the Franklin, Granny White and Hillsboro Pikes, and Stewart on their left, crossing the Harding and Charlotte Pikes, and resting on the river a few miles south of the city, and commanded by Hood in person.

Our forces were commanded by Gen. Thomas, and moved upon the enemy in the following order: A. J. Smith upon the right, Steedman on the left, and Wood in the centre, with Schofield in reserve, and most of our cavalry, under Gens. Johnson, Hatch and Wilson, on the right. Beside, we had gunboats assisting in the protection of our flanks, which rested on the river.

A. J. Smith moved out the Sixteenth Corps about 8 o'clock, and skirmished with the enemy until a little before 1 o'clock, with little or no loss to either side, making about a mile in that time. Wood moved out the celebrated Fourth Corps about the same time, and charged two lines of works and captured them before he took his dinner. Gens. Beatty's and Elliott's divisions charged with great fury and enthusiasm, and were received in gallant manner by the rebels, who fought with their accustomed desperation. But two rebel batteries were brought to bear upon the two divisions, while six batteries of field artillery, and all the big guns on Fort Negley, and guns upon Casino and Confiscation, for more than an hour, were employed in hurling destruction into the rebel ranks. Immediately in front of Mrs. Acklin's house the charge was made with unbounded spirit. Post's brigade and a battery of artillery piled into the lines head over heels, and captured one hundred men and a section of artillery. Gen. Steedman moved out his men, composed of a portion of his own division, detachments of troops belonging to the different corps with Sherman, and two brigades of colored troops, respectively commanded by Cols. Thompson and Morgan. Gen. Steedman's orders were to make a vigorous attack, for two reasons: Gen. Thomas desired to get possession of a nasty fort upon our extreme left, which commanded our line for two miles to the right, and further, to deceive Hood, as Smith and Schofield were to turn the enemy's left, had any attempt to crush Steedman taken place. But the rebels did not await the second charge of the two colored brigades, which went right up to the summit of the hill without much wavering, driving the enemy a quarter of a mile, and capturing nearly a hundred prisoners. Up to noon Steedman's troops were pretty actively engaged, the white and the black men, shoulder to shoulder, pitching in like fury, regardless of all considerations of color. At noon Steedman had moved nearly a mile and a half, and had commenced to swing his extreme left in a little from the river. On our extreme right, our cavalry had about all they could conveniently attend to during the forenoon, experiencing slight repulses, owing to the fine positions of the enemy. Our infantry and cavalry got some very rough handling just about this time, but were helped out of their dilemma by the gunboats, which came along in the nick of time. The *Carondelet* threw about fifty 64-pound shells into the rebel left, driving the troops resting on the river in great confusion, and silencing a battery of artillery.

In the afternoon Steedman was not so busily engaged as he had been during the early part of the day. His troops, however, were under fire all the while, and behaved with great gallantry. During all these charges, the colored troops hardly gave way. They were admirably handled by Cols. Thompson and Morgan, both brave young men, and as they tugged up the hill the white soldiers upon either side rent the air with vociferations. The negroes, too, as they dashed inside of the works, shouted, screamed, yelled and threw up their hats, notwithstanding they had left nearly two hundred of their comrades behind, the bleeding victims of rebel shot and shell. As I said above, of the grand charge which I have described, Steedman moved with little opposition, as the rebels, in contracting their lines, necessarily abandoned some strong positions in his front. Wood's corps stood the brunt of the fight in the afternoon, and added new laurels to its well-known and well-earned fame. A little before 3 o'clock, the Second and Third Divisions made two glorious charges upon a long line of rude rifle-pits. An entire battery of brass guns were captured, but most of the troops ran away, and but few prisoners were captured. Before dark another line of works were taken, Wood's corps sustaining a loss of over one hundred men killed and wounded during the charge. He was above an hour from the commencement to the conclusion of this charge, during which time the enemy made very little use of his artillery. At dark the Fourth Corps was four miles from Nashville, having taken half a dozen lines of works, several cannon, and toward four hundred prisoners. Although Wood's corps did the hardest fighting in the afternoon, A. J. Smith, in conjunction with the cavalry and a portion of Schofield's corps, made a multiplicity of brilliant movements, resulting in the capture of two batteries of artillery, nearly a thousand prisoners, a wagon train, and Gens. Lee's and Chalmer's headquarters' trains. This was in a great measure owing to the sagacity and skill of Gen. A. J. Smith, who seems as much at home upon a field of action as one might well imagine. Portions of Schofield's corps were also eminently interested in the saking of the batteries, as were also Hatch's and Johnson's divisions of cavalry. The gunboats kept up their thundering all the latter part of the afternoon, and did considerable execution upon the enemy's left. At dark firing ceased, with the exception that our artillerists threw an occasional shell into the rebel lines. The enemy had been pushed over three miles all round since daylight, although at times the fighting was of the most stubborn character.

The victory was one of the superbest of the war. Our troops drove the enemy at all points, extending our territory three miles south of our position in the morning. Some five distinct lines of rebel works were taken on the left and centre, and the rebel left broken. We captured eighteen guns, with caissons, &c., all in complete order. We also captured 1,600 prisoners, a large amount of small arms, and a number of wagons. It is believed that our own and the enemy's loss in killed and wounded, is about the same, each side losing between 1,200 and 1,500.

The rebels used very little artillery, but used what they did to a purpose. The captured guns were all smooth bores but four, and of excellent workmanship.

On account of the rolling condition of the country and the thinness of the forests, the movements of the troops upon both sides were witnessed to much advantage. At one time the entire front of Steedman's and Wood's troops and two corps of the enemy, could be seen distinctly from a safe position.

Gens. Thomas, Smith, Schofield, Wood, Steedman, Wilson and other general officers, were upon the field all day. No general officer was injured, although Wood like to have lost his head by a cannon ball twice.

FRIDAY'S FIGHT.

In point of splendor and magnificent results, to-day's affair was even more glorious than yesterday's. During the night, Gen. Hood contracted his lines in a remarkable degree, resting his right a short distance east of the Franklin pike, and his left on the Harding pike, making his line of battle less than four miles from flank to flank, although it was double that number of miles in extreme length, owing to its zig-zag order upon and near the Franklin pike. He also retired his army from a naturally weak position and disposed his forces at the base of a range of detached spurs of the Cumberland. It was evident that he intended to make another stand, and it was also evident that the preservation of his rear and his line of retreat upon the Franklin pike, were objects of his particular attention. Gen. Thomas evidently knew what Hood's programme was as well as Hood himself, and at daylight moved Steedman out rapidly upon the left, with orders to swing in and cross the Murfreesboro' and Nolensville pikes. This was done with rapidity, but no captures were made owing to the rebel evacuation of their works on our left during the night. Wood and A. J. Smith moved up to within musket shot of the rebel lines, while Schofield was held partly in reserve on the right and partly in a position to make a rapid dash in conjunction with our cavalry, upon the enemy's left, should the situation suggest such a demonstration. All this transpired before 9 A. M. I went out upon the Granny White pike, a little before night, and watched the movements of our right and the enemy's left until noon.

The enemy had a very fine position at the base of a range of hills, extending from the Granny White to to the Harding pike. He was protected by a line of works which had been hastily constructed near the edge of the woods. Garrard's and McArthur's divisions had to advance through an open field over a mile in length. After getting within four hundred yards of the rebels our column went down upon their bellies, and crawled up some fifty or sixty yards closer. Three batteries followed up these two divisions, and when they halted commenced shelling the woods back of the rebel line and some houses on the pike, from behind which about fifty sharpshooters were banging away. Up to near 11 o'clock this was the order of things in front of Smith. About that time the rebels showed their heads in great numbers above the works, and acted as though they intended to charge the three batteries. They came out of their works shortly after, and our batteries were retired temporarily to a safer position. Just before 12 Smith's whole corps from right to left made a desperate charge, but could not carry the works. About half past 12 the attempt was again made, and a portion of the works were carried. McArthur ordered up two six-gun batteries upon his left, and one battery upon the right of his division, his own and Garrard's men made a charge, the three batteries being advanced so that an enfilading fire could be got in. The whole manœuvre was grand in projection and execution. The artillery did frightful work along the rebel line, our infantry carrying the works during a temporary panic, which was caused by the vigorous hurling of grape and canister into the rebel ranks. In this charge over two hundred of the enemy were captured. Smith's whole line then advanced, his right swinging around a little from off the Hardin pike and a portion of the Twenty-third corps falling and making up the gap between the Sixteenth and Hatch's division of cavalry. It was now quite 1 o'clock, and a most terrible cannonading had opened all along our left and centre. Knowing that Wood and Steedman had a certain amount of work to perform to bring up with Smith. I went over upon the left and centre, where I spent the afternoon until dark, and witnessed, in an unsafe position, more thrilling sights than I have ever seen before.

The rebel bullets were whizzing quite uncomfortably, but their artillery, which is the thing that generally produces the demoralization, remained comparatively quiet, and I, in company with two other correspondents, took the chances of the former.

The Sixth Ohio, and a battery of the Fourth Regular Artillery, took a position upon an open field, about fifty feet in the rear of our infantry; to the right of Beatty's division a Michigan battery and two Ohio batteries, took up a position in an open field, near and upon Wood's extreme right, while two batteries got in on the left. From 1 till 2 o'clock these thirty-six guns shelled the rebel position, which was very strong in Wood's front, and particularly strong in front of Steedman.

At precisely 2 o'clock it commenced to rain, and rained hard during the balance of the day. A little after 2 the Third and First Divisions of Wood's corps made a desperate charge upon the rebel line which was located upon a slight elevation. The firing lasted fully twenty minutes, when the rebels retired in considerable disorder, leaving their dead and wounded and forty odd prisoners in our hands. The rebels had parallel works on this hill, and the two divisions, without orders, with the wildest enthusiasm, charged the other line of works in the face of a deadly volley of musketry and a shower of grape from four Napoleon guns. Really, I discovered no signs of wavering, and the whole drama was in full show. In ten minutes after they rushed into the works, captured three hundred men and the battery, which was a splendid one of four guns. Every member of the battery—the Second Louisiana—was either killed, wounded or captured.

Smith and Wood were now on an even line, and a frowning-looking eminence, topped with strong works, three regiments of Tennessee infantry and Stamford's Mississippi battery lie before Steedman, who, at this juncture, was in conversation with Wood. Capt. Tracy informed me that the two colored brigades would be ordered to storm the hill. I crossed the Franklin pike to see Col. Thompson, commanding one of the colored brigades, who is a particular friend of mine, when I heard the orders given for the assault. Immediately the two brigades of colored men started up the hill. I crossed back to the right of the Franklin pike, where I could see the whole movement, without placing myself in too great danger. When within about a hundred yards of the crest of the hill the four guns and the infantry poured a broadside into the negroes, when a frightful panic took place upon Steedman's right, resting on the pike. The movement ceased for a few moments, when a couple of our batteries commenced an enfilading fire, and the assaulting party, with an additional brigade of white troops, again attempted the ascent. The rebel infantry blazed away at a fearful rate, and the artillery discharged sixteen shots of cannister, which made the assaulting column reel, waver and almost fall back. This was the most exciting picture I had ever seen so close, as I stood, in company with Capt. Boyd, of Gen. Miller's Staff, about two hundred feet to the right of the assaulting party. After a manly struggle, with the loss of over two hundred men killed and wounded in the colored brigades, including eight officers; the party reached the top, and with a yell, went over the works, captured the entire battery and nearly three hundred prisoners. The guns were of the James pattern, were manufactured at Columbus, Ga., and were quite warm when I arrived. Every caisson had been smashed by our artillery, and most of the horses killed, although the guns were in good order. The men composing this battery stood like men to their post—32 out of 70 being killed and wounded. Every officer was killed. As soon as the hill was taken, the colored troops pitched after the retreating rebels, chasing them through a valley nearly a mile. Firing wholly ceased upon the left, which had swung around nearly a mile and a half in two hours. Wood's corps carried another line of works, without much opposition, however, although Post's and Straight's brigades pitched in like good fellows.

This was a little before 4 o'clock, and, when all was quiet upon the left and centre, a tremendous crash took place upon the right. It only lasted about ten minutes, but the firing was awful during that time. I started to go over to the right, but when half way over, met Capt. Burroughs, of Gen. Thomas' staff, who told me that Smith had made a glorious charge, and with the assistance of Schofield, had taken twelve guns, two general officers, and fifteen hundred prisoners. As I told you in the start, Schofield had a certain plan to carry out if the opportunity presented itself. It did. While Smith was making a charge, Schofield threw his whole corps away round to the right, and shut up toward A. J. Smith's corps in front, the two corps grabbing the number of guns and prisoners stated above in the operation. Darkness came abruptly on, and hostilities ceased. As near as I can judge our loss is about two thousand in killed and wounded. The enemy's loss in killed and wounded is smaller. We captured about four thousand prisoners and two general officers. Gens. Smith and Schofield captured 12 guns, and I saw Wood's and Steedman's corps capture a like number, while Hatch captured a section of artillery on our extreme right. I started for the city a little before 7 o'clock, at which time all was quiet at the front, and all of our dead, and our own and the rebel wounded had been cared for. Our front occupied a position between eight and nine miles from the city.

Rebel prisoners admit their defeat, and deplore their great loss in artillery and prisoners. Orders were issued last night for 5,000 rations for prisoners. Gen. Jackson, captured by Smith, is a Major-General, and is an old man. Smith is a middle-aged man, and pays a high compliment to our troops, who, he says, are brave in a fight and magnanimous after victory.

LOSSES.

The following summing up of the relative losses of both armies during the two days' fight may be considered quite accurate:

Rebel killed and wounded, Thursday	1,500
Rebel killed and wounded, Friday	2,000—3,500
Rebel loss in prisoners, Thursday	1,600
Rebel loss in prisoners, Friday	4,000—5,600
and two general officers.	
Rebel loss of cannon, Thursday	18
Rebel loss of cannon, Friday	26—44

The Federal loss in killed and wounded in the two days' fight, I think, will exceed the enemy's by a thousand. No prisoners are reported taken by the rebels.

Total rebel loss	8,100
Total Federal loss	4,500

Allowing our loss in killed and wounded to be one thousand more than the enemy's even, gives us the advantage of 3,600 men, 2 general officers, 44 cannon, 5,000 small arms, &c., &c.

BENJAMIN C. TRUMAN.

NEWS FROM REBEL SOURCES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

Washington, Friday, Dec. 23.

From the Richmond *Examiner* of Wednesday last, received at the office of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, we extract the following editorial. No later news from Savannah or Wilmington, than that published to-day, is contained in any of the rebel papers of Wednesday:

A BITTER PILL FOR JEFF. DAVIS.

From the Richmond Examiner, Dec. 21.

The news from Tennessee is bad—the situation is bad,—but it is far from being irremediable. The army in Tennessee has been terribly misused, and has suffered awful injury; but it is not lost, and may be restored to full efficiency by the same hand which redeemed it after Missionary Ridge. But to change the fortunes of the country the Executive power and the Legislature must change their character and abandon the road to ruin, hitherto systematically pursued by both. The opening of this campaign found our two best men in real command and in the two principal positions. Lee in Virginia and Johnson in Georgia. The military condition of this country was never so prosperous as it was at Midsummer, for these two men had so done their work that it was then morally certain that the last supreme effort of the enemy was going to fail, and had it failed, it is impossible to doubt that this year would have been the last year of the war. The unexpected freak of the Executive in the removal of Johnston, permitted in silence by the country, has produced fruits such as folly and subserviency never produced before. Although great evils might have been and were apprehended at the time, results have so much surpassed expectations, that they assume the appearance of judgments. But let the past go. The best remedy for the present evil is simply to stop the causes which have caused them. Let the Executive power cease to interfere with the armies; send Johnston to the wreck of that army which he surrendered to Hood in such magnificent conduct; give him *carte blanche* to do what he thinks proper for its salvation and for the defence of the country, and guarantee that neither his commission nor his plans will be any more meddled with. Give to Beauregard complete discretion of action on the coast. Leave to Lee his whole army, and full powers in Virginia, and prosperity will return, good fortune will again befall the army of the South, and the great dangers which now menace the Confederacy will vanish like the clouds of the last rain.

But good sense, moderately and justly used, will never actuate the Executive power while Congress abdicates its functions and public opinion its rights. Nations will suffer just punishment whenever they intrust the power to puny hands, puff up the conceit, and encourage the passions of their rulers by fulsome flattery or silent submission. We have done so. The follies of the Government are manifest to all, but if any one who pays their share of the cost proposes opposition or even remonstrance, the amiable majority cry "Hush! Oh, hush! hush! We can't get rid of him, and he will do thus and so all the more if he is opposed. Don't say anything; we must have concord, unanimity, and there must be no opposition to the Government." Therefore the only voice which is heard at all is the voice of flattery—the voice of those who have neither head nor heart, neither knowledge nor principle. Hence the Executive power is encouraged to pursue its fancies, and although every military misfortune of this country is palpably and confessedly due to the personal interference of Mr. Davis, and the Legislature continued at each session to be his subservient tool, and to furnish new incentives to perversity, new means of mischief. Congress and the Southern public must change their attitude, adopt a more distinct and manly tone, deal with their own affairs with more resolution, keep the Executive power in the path of duty, and curb it with peremptory hands when it interferes with things beyond its capacity.

Great adversity has fallen upon us, but the power of the Southern States is not broken. Their resources are enormous, and on no side is the breach irreparable. Of all external dangers, there is not one that cannot be manfully met. *But greater danger is within.* Folly vested with license, and flattery to encourage folly. No calamity which has happened is in itself ruinous, but what will ruin us is this: that the Government should go on to do and continue the identical acts which have made the calamity by necessary sequence of cause and effect. The more harmony and more concord and more self-abnegation we evince under such circumstances, the more rapid is our progress to destruction. Let us determine that course of the ship shall be altered. *With that determination will be found means to compel change.*

A SUGAR PLUM FOR JEFF. DAVIS.

The Virginia Legislature on Tuesday last adopted a series of resolutions upon the present crisis of affairs in the Confederacy, of which the three following are most significant:

"That it is the imperative and paramount duty of the Confederate Government to continue to devote its utmost energies to the vigorous prosecution of the war, as it is only by the success of our arms that we can hope to obtain honorable peace, and preserve the sovereignty and the liberties of our people from destruction. To that end this Commonwealth will endure every sacrifice, until the freedom which is our heritage shall be securely established in peace, under the protection of a Confederacy of independent and sovereign States.

That the Confederate Government, which is the centre and organ of our united exertions in war, has been also intrusted with the power of concluding peace, by that constitution which binds these States together, and this commonwealth, *believing that the trust has been wisely reposed*, for the common benefit, does not desire either to withdraw the authority which has been delegated by all the States for their common safety, *or to embarrass, by irregular proceedings, the Confederate Government in its delicate and difficult duty of negotiating peace*, and that any proposition from the enemy to any of the States of this Confederacy, to treat for a separate peace, is, in the language of this General Assembly in 1782, insidious and inadmissible.

That unity both in prosecuting the war and in concluding a peace is absolutely essential to our safety, and can be obtained and preserved only by a firm adherence to the constitutional authority established by all the States, and that this General Assembly will not listen to any proposition nor suffer any negotiation inconsistent with their confederate faith and union."

GEN. DAVIDSON'S RAID.

From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 21.

Meridian, Miss., Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Authentic information has been received that the advance of Gen. Davidson's raiding column, from Baton Rouge, passed through Augusta, Perry County, Miss., yesterday, for Mobile. Scott and others are in the right place. Warm work is expected on Monday or Tuesday next.

THE ATTACK ON WILMINGTON.

From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 21.

The dispatches foreshadow warm work off Wilmington. The defences of the place against a naval attack are very strong, and Admiral Porter will doubtless discover that he has undertaken an impracticable job, if he attempts the reduction of Wilmington.

BEAUREGARD'S DEPARTMENT.

From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 21.

By recent orders, the department under Gen. Beauregard has been extended so as to include South Carolina and the Atlantic seaboard of Georgia.

Court-Martial.

Indianapolis, Friday, Dec. 23.

At a court-martial recently convened here, Chas. Billingsley, John Murray, Thomas Ryan and Thomas Lennow were found guilty of desertion, and sentenced to be shot to-day. The sentence was carried into effect this afternoon, at Camp Burnside, near this city, on the first three. The fourth has been respited by the President for ten days.

PORTER'S EXPEDITION.

A Dispatch from Gen. Bragg to Jeff. Davis.

The Entire Fleet off Wilmington.

The Weather so Bad that it is Unable to Operate.

Bragg says He Can Hold the Place.

Immense Destruction of Rebel Property in Blockade-Runners.

Washington, Friday, Dec. 23.

The *Republican* says that the Government received a dispatch from Gen. Grant, at City Point, announcing that the Richmond papers of yesterday morning, the 22d inst., contain an official dispatch from Gen. Bragg to Jeff. Davis, dated Fort Fisher, New-Inlet, N. C., Dec. 21, as follows:

"The entire fleet of the enemy is in sight, but cannot operate.

"The weather continues bad.

"We are able to hold Wilmington."

Destruction of the Blockade-runner Petrel—The Work of Admiral Porter's Squadron for the Last Fifty Days.

Washington, Friday, Dec. 23.

Rear-Admiral Porter, under date of the 15th inst., informs the Navy Department of the destruction of the blockade-runner *Petrel*, driven ashore by the gunboats at New Inlet, Cape Fear River.

The *Petrel* was fired upon and sunk, and finally was destroyed by a northeast gale.

She had on board a large cargo of arms and munitions of war.

Admiral Porter reports that within the last fifty days the fleet has captured and destroyed five millions five hundred thousand dollars' worth of the enemy's property in blockade-runners.

GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

Bad Weather—Officers Going Home on Furlough—Three Deserters to be Hung.

Washington, Friday, Dec. 23.

A letter from the Army of the Potomac, dated yesterday, says:

Quiet continues to prevail here.

The weather is such as to prevent any movement, if intended.

A large number of officers are going home on furlough.

Among those who left this morning were Gens. Gregg, Potter, Ayres, Bragg and McAllister, with the members of their staffs.

Gen. Mott went North yesterday to attend the funeral of a brother.

Lieut.-Col Osborne, Division Inspector on Gen. Crawford's Staff, a valuable and efficient officer, goes home this morning, having been mustered out after serving over three years.

Three more deserters are to be hung to-morrow. Their names are: John Smyth, William Miller and George Bradley, all of the Fifth New-Hampshire Volunteers.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

Washington, Friday, Dec. 23.

THE TEN-FORTY LOAN.

We are officially informed that Secretary Fessenden has not limited the subscriptions to the ten-forty loan to the 31st of December, but will allow them to continue until after the holidays, when he will communicate his views on the subject to the Finance Committees of both Houses. All reports, therefore, in regard to what he intends to do are wholly unfounded.

VICE-ADMIRAL FARRAGUT.

Vice-Admiral Farragut is expected here to-morrow, when his commission as Vice-Admiral, and the Congressional resolution of thanks inscribed upon parchment, will be presented to him.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

Washington, Friday, Dec. 23.

GUERRILLAS CROSSING ON THE ICE.

Early this morning a party of guerrillas, of White's command, attempted a crossing to the Maryland shore, on the ice, about Muddy Branch. They were discovered by the pickets of the First New-Hampshire Cavalry, and were driven back. One guerrilla was shot dead. Maj. Andrews, who commands at the point, is in nightly expectation of raids, now the canal and river are frozen, and has accordingly strengthened his picket line.

DEFEAT OF GUERRILLAS.

Several days ago a portion of our cavalry scouted as far up as White Plains on the Manassas Gap Railroad, and coming up to a large party of guerrillas, a fight ensued. The latter were routed with a loss of one Major, one Lieutenant, mortally wounded, and fifteen prisoners taken by our troops.

ICE IN THE POTOMAC.

The Potomac is covered with ice, and the channel is completely closed up, so that navigation is suspended, and boats do not attempt either to approach or leave Washington. The ice is at most places between two and a half and three inches thick. Several boats with troops, which left yesterday, are icebound below Gresboro.

DEATH OF ACTING MASTER THATCHER.

The Navy Department to-day received intelligence of the death of Acting Master Charles Thatcher, of Maine, commanding the *Gazelle*, attached to the Mississippi squadron. He was wounded by guerrillas.

Later from New-Orleans.

Cairo, Friday, Dec. 23.

The steamer *Pauline Cornell*, from New-Orleans on the 15th inst., has arrived here. She has a few bales of cotton.

The steam transport *Clinton*, from Galveston on the 12th inst., had arrived at New-Orleans with 342 exchanged prisoners from Camp Grace, Texas. The men, who were in the most wretched condition, have been supplied with necessary articles for their comfort by the Sanitary Commission.

Gen. Hamilton and family passed Brazos on the *Clinton*.

A late Matamoras paper states that reinforcements had arrived from Brazos Santiago, swelling our force there to two thousand, fifteen hundred of whom are negroes.

The rebels make frequent sallies from Brownsville, which is not fortified, and have numerous skirmishes with the Federal troops.

We have no change to report in the New-Orleans market.

Pardons by the President.

Baltimore, Friday, Dec. 23.

Mrs. Hutchins, recently sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Fitchburgh, (Mass.,) House of Correction for attempting to send a sword to the rebel Maj. Harry Gilmore, has been released, by order of the President, and she arrived here to-day.

Wm. J. Fish, of the First Connecticut Cavalry, late Provost-Marshal of this city, who was sentenced to the Albany Penitentiary for one year, and to pay a fine of $5,000, has also been released.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

A Tour in the Wake of Santa Claus.

We noticed in Thursday's Times a few of the places where our readers can find holiday presents suitable for the season, but a want of space compelled us to omit many others to be found in our advertising columns where articles of equal excellence and variety tempt the seeker after the useful, the beautiful, or the curious. In fact the whole business portion of our city seems to be transformed into one grand curiosity shop for the display of holiday gifts; and old Santa Claus variously disguised in pantaloons and petticoats, broadcloth and silks, representing manhood and youth, matron and miss, can be seen hurrying about our streets, peering into the shop-windows, dodging in and out of doorways, in search of gifts suitable to the multitudinous tastes and wants of the legions who delight to call him friend and are anxiously looking for his coming. Alas! that we should so often encounter him dressed in the habiliments of mourning and with a weed upon his hat. The devastating war that has afflicted our dear land for four years past has snatched the protector from many a hearthstone, and the cherubs that gather around those chimney-corners on next Sabbath morning will gaze with tear-dimmed eyes upon the annual gifts which good Santa Claus has brought them. Let our citizens see to it that no dead soldier's home goes unvisited by him, albeit his ruddy and jovial countenance is unused to the sorrowing mood. Following in his wake let us extend our tour in search of Christmas and New-Year's presents, which shall dispel the gloom from all faces and bless alike the giver and the receiver.

Starting in Maiden-lane, the down-town bazaar of the metropolis, let us drop into the store of J. M. Bowen & Co., No. 43, and inspect his brilliant stock of fancy goods and Christmas toys. Here we behold every variety of toy and fancy article which American, English and continental ingenuity has been able to fabricate, for the use or pleasure of man, woman or child. The large assortment of fancy articles at this establishment, and the low prices at which they are offered, render it one of the most desirable places to visit for the selection of holiday presents.

Passing round to Fulton-street we find useful gifts in the way of men's and boys' clothing, of which Evans' extensive establishment at Nos. 66 and 68 is among the most noteworthy.

For presents of slippers, gaiters, boots and shoes for misses' and children, the store of C. C. Richmond, No. 150 Fulton-street, or of Wm. T. Allen, No. 377 Bowery, or of E. A. Brooks, 575 Broadway, or of Cantrell, No. 813 Broadway, or of Lorin Brooks, No. 434 Broadway, affords the most ample assortment.

In the way of head-gear for boys and misses, we have the most tempting specimens presented by Burke, No. 210 Broadway, and Knox, at the corner of Broadway and Fulton-street, and Genin, under the Metropolitan, who also keep the finest articles of ladies' furs, which make a most seasonable holiday present.

Although we have heretofore noticed at some length the holiday gifts of the book-trade, particularly in the higher departments of literature, yet it may not be amiss to mention the large stock of juvenile books and stories for sale by W. T. Pooley, of No. 331 Pearl-street, and of Leggatt Brothers, of No. 119 Nassau-street, and of Hurd & Houghton, No. 401 Broadway. Sheldon & Co. also advertise with good reason their autobiography of Gen. Scott, as a most appropriate holiday gift. James G. Gregory, of No. 540 Broadway, also has on hand a most interesting series of Christmas stories.

Our Brooklyn friends will find at Ovington Bros., Nos. 238 and 240 Fulton-street, an excellent assortment of bronzes, clocks, statuettes, groups and figures, and beautiful dinner and tea services, opening for inspection day and evenings.

The "magic wheel," published by Bradburn, of No. 49 Walker-street, is a new and amusing toy for children, and can be found at all the bookstores.

In the line of perfumery and toilet articles, the most extensive and récherché assortment can be found at the glittering palace of Helmbold, under the Metropolitan Hotel, where the customer will be served with a politeness and attention that make purchasing a pleasure.

Ivory and pearl jewelry of the latest styles and largest variety may be found at Welling's, No. 571 Broadway.

In addition to the sewing machines heretofore noticed, "Barnum's self-sewer" is receiving high praise from all quarters, and can be adapted to any of the different varieties of machines.

One of Foley's gold pens or pencils makes a beautiful holiday present, as any one will admit, after seeing the stock on hand at 169 Broadway.

A fine collection of albums, pictures, busts, &c., &c., can be found at Fowler & Wells' new store, No. 389 Broadway.

Presents of ladies' dress goods for the holidays may be found in untold variety and richness at Strang & Adriance's, No. 355 Broadway; at Paton & Co.'s, No. 341 Broadway; at R. H. Macy's, in Sixth-avenue, near Fourteenth-street; at Kinzey's, No. 343 Eighth-avenue, and at many other houses which our readers will find in our advertising columns. In furnishing-goods, Union Adams, of No. 637 Broadway, offers inducements not to be overlooked; and of ladies' cloaks, George Carey, of Broadway and Canal-street, and Percival, of No. 657 Broadway, present a stock unequaled in variety and cheapness.

Of choice wines and brandies for the New-Year's table, J. Marc Martin, of No. 203 Pearl-street, will furnish a supply, warranted pure and of the best quality.

Wherever one turns, whether in Broadway, in the Bowery, or in any of the business streets and avenues of the city, he beholds a glittering array of useful and ornamental goods, toys and nicknacks, from which he can fill a bag, however ample, with presents for all his acquaintances, however numerous. That he may succeed in supplying them all, we earnestly hope, and if any are omitted, it will certainly not be the fault of our shopkeepers, who have so amply provided for every want.

The Unemployed Generals.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of to-day you make some very proper and timely remarks on the bill before Congress, dismissing from the service all Generals who have not been in actual service for three months previous to a certain day; but there are some circumstances connected with this bill which you do not mention, and which are, at least, unfortunate. I allude to the fact that men who have served their country long and ably, and who are now suffering from wounds received in the service, should see their names paraded in the public prints as being dropped from the service. I understand there is a provision in the bill covering such cases, which is all right and proper; the misfortune is, that there was no one whose duty it was to properly classify these Generals off duty, and thereby save the wounded officers the mortification of seeing their names published as "dropped from the rolls," without any comment.

As an evidence of the injustice I refer to, I would cite the case of Brig.-Gen. John B. McIntosh, whose name appears in the list you publish. No officer in the service can show a better record than he. Although born in Florida, he offered his services to the Government during the first month of the rebellion, and was assigned a position as Second Lieutenant in the Second Regular Cavalry, (now the Fifth;) in a short time he was promoted to a First Lieutenantcy, and is now Captain in the Fifth Cavalry. During the Summer of 1863 he was made Colonel of the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which position he served—commanding a brigade most of the time—till he was appointed Brigadier-General last Summer. He has always been connected with the Army of the Potomac, and has made a record which will be as enduring as the name of our noble "Army of the Potomac." Gen. McIntosh's active career terminated, for the present, on the 19th of September last. During the battle of Opequan Creek or Winchester, when our army under Sheridan gained a great victory over Early, he was then shot by a sharpshooter, and had his leg amputated while on the field of battle. He is now in Philadelphia, suffering either from the effects of bad surgery or bad nursing soon after he received his wound.

I have no doubt that what I have written applies with force to other cases, but this coming under my special notice I send it to you, hoping you will publish it, and thereby confer a favor upon Gen. McIntosh's friends.

IRVINGTON.

New-York, Monday, Dec. 19, 1864.

THE WEED OPDYKE LIBEL SUIT.

Supreme Court—Trial Term.

Before Judge Mason.

George Opdyke vs. *Thurlow Weed.*—Judging from the numerous attendance, the public interest in this trial has not abated.

Wm. W. Martin—Examination resumed by plaintiff's counsel. I have seen the inventory which was presented to the city; a portion of that consists of tools, fixtures and machinery, $67,000; that refers to the purchase from me; I have compared that inventory with the inventory made by Messrs. Colby and Knowlton, at the time of my sale to Farley; I see one or two errors in it, or differences; in the former four punches are mentioned—in my inventory, three, making a difference of $30; in the inventory to the city there is an omission of a mill mandril for tip, $60; and two jaws of jaws, $65, which are in my inventory; I found in the inventory to the city one lathe at $325; that was a lathe agreed to be delivered to me, and I claimed it as my property, and got the money for it from the city myself.

Q.—It was inserted in Mr. Farley's claim through a mistake? A.—I do not know how it was inserted there; I explained it to Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Farley also explained it.

Q.—How were the tools, fixtures and machinery examined by the appraisers? A.—According to their judgment, with the examination of the books, &c.; they had every facility.

Q.—Were they worth the price at which they were valued in the inventory? A.—I think they were, and more, too; I thought at the time they were worth more, and that I lost money; the total amount of the sale by me was $92,135 74; that included some stock on hand, tools, machinery and fixtures, rent and coal, and also $16,984 62 debts that were due on stock and machinery; I have not looked at the inventory sufficiently to state how much was for machinery, how much for tools, &c., separately.

[The witness retired to make a calculation as to how much of the $92,000 was for machinery, how much for tools, &c.]

Wm. L. Colby sworn:—Examined by plaintiff's counsel. I am a member of the firm of R. Hoe & Co., machinists; we have establishments here, in Boston and London; we manufacture the power printing presses; have been engaged in the business of machinery twenty-five years or more; we have made a few gun tools; Mr. Knowlton and I made the appraisal between Marston and Farley on the machinery and tools in the armory; it took us about six days; that was in November, 1862; we commenced with the machinery; we had access to the books, invoices, and the main part of the machinery was made up from these; we afterward commenced with the small tools spoken of in the inventory; they were laid out in parcels; I valued one article and Mr. Knowlton the next, in rotation; sometimes we differed as to the value, and then we compromised; we made up the prices of the tools according to our own knowledge, not from bills: we put down the cost on the principal machines at the cost in the bills; the inventory was made up in duplicate—one delivered to Marston and one to Farley; the tools in a gun factory differ from ordinary machinery quite considerably.

Q.—Was there or not an advance on machinery from 1861 to 1863? A.—I will say there was an advance in the machinery of twenty per cent., from the time we made the inventory (December, 1862) up to the time of the fire (July, 1863.)

Q.—Is machinery that has been in use from four to six months better or worse? A.—It is better, in my opinion; there is no depreciation at all, but a slight improvement.

Cross-examined—This last remark applies to running machinery, such as lathes, planers, shafting, &c.; it does not apply to cutters and files, or to tools, as distinguished from machinery.

Q.—After machines have been used from four to six months, how is it with the next four or six months? A.—After that, there is a slight depreciation; how much depends on the care taken of the machinery.

Q.—How is machinery affected by its use for six months or a year, in respect to its marketable value, for sale to the general purchaser? A.—Probably in that light it would be 20 or 25 per cent. depreciated; I never made guns; we made some gun tools in 1861 or 1862.

Q.—Did you do anything else in putting a price upon the machinery, (as distinguished from tools,) except to take the prices that had been paid for it? A.—Nothing else; we had no bills for the tools; I put a price upon them that I thought it would cost to make them; I had nothing to do with the part of the schedule that comes under the head of accounts; I had nothing to do with valuing the stock on hand; it was only on machinery, tools and fixtures; Mr. Knowlton and I examined the stocking room; we made out the valuation of the machinery, &c., there, from our own observation; there were no bills to show; the building and carpenter's work I had nothing to do with; the putting up and adjusting counter shafting for 65 machines, $1,495, we made up; the machines were put up and taken down again in several instances, and replaced; this item of $1,495 included all that; we got at the matter by estimation as to what it had cost; this taking down and readjusting did not add to the value of the machinery, but it did to the value of the whole establishment.

Augustus Weismann sworn.—Examined by counsel for plaintiff. In 1863 I was one of the Supervisors of New-York, and was a member of the Committee on Riot Claims; was appointed at the first meeting of the committee the legal adviser of the board; was present, also the Mayor and all the members; Mr. Devlin stated that he would not be able to be present, but he would send Thomas C. Fields; Mr. Fields then regularly appeared at the meetings of the Committee, and commenced the examination in a very rigid manner; the claim of Farley was referred to Mr. Blunt, he having had a gun factory, and having expressed a wish to examine the claim, being better acquainted with the articles; I was not present during the examination by Blunt, on account of sickness; at the time Farley's claim came before the committee we had passed the Wakeman claim, and Blunt stated that he was ready to report; the members were all present, I believe; a conversation took place at the upper end of the table, which I did not distinctly understand, but I saw the Mayor rise and state that he considered it improper to remain when the claim of Farley, in which he was interested, was before the committee for consideration, and he left; I was at the upper end of the table, and that was the reason I did not distinctly hear; after the Mayor left the real discussion about the claim commenced: various propositions were for the purpose of cutting down the claim, as all other claims had been, and it would be improper to omit this when all the others had been so sharply and strongly treated; I favored cutting it down five per cent., or a per centage; Ely made a motion that it should be $179,700, a reduction of about $7,000; the Comptroller, I think, concurred, and it met the approval of nearly all the members and was passed; it was subsequently passed by the board either unanimously or with one dissenting voice, which might have been Mr. Purdy's.

Cross-examined.—I had a long conversation with Blunt about the claim and the testimony; I asked him particularly how he got along with such a large claim; I also received information from different workmen who were examined by Blunt and myself regarding tools which were lost in the factory; I never examined the bill thoroughly; I looked over it and satisfied myself that it was a matter which I did not understand.

Charles D. Birdsey sworn, and examined by counsel for plaintiff. In 1863 I was employed as one of the examiners of riot claims by the Board of Supervisors; Reading and Lee were the other examiners; I was present when the claim of Farley was brought before the committee for decision; I stood at the upper part of the room; Weismann was about the third from me; after the claim of Wakeman had been considered, the claim of Farley came up, and Opdyke remarked that he thought it was improper for him to remain in the room, as he was interested in that claim, and left the room; I did not hear Thos. C. Fields make any suggestion about the Mayor's leaving, nor did I hear Purdy suggest it; Purdy expressed himself perfectly satisfied with Blunt's examination and recommendation; he being more familiar with the matter than any other would be; Comptroller Brennan started after Opdyke to call him back; I stood by Brennan at the time; and before he left Opdyke said he did not expect his claim to receive any consideration different from what other claims had; that he would expect to see it treated in the same manner; that seemed to be with reference to cutting it down; I did not hear Fields make any protest, and I paid attention to what was said; if he made any it must have been a side remark to one of the committee.

Mr. Evarts stated that the remark of Fields was at another meeting, and not the one at which this witness was present.

The Court said that he had got the impression that it was at this particular meeting that Fields testimony referred to.

Witness—There were several conversations in the committee at several times.

Cross-examined—The session when the Farley claim was passed, occupied about an hour; I think I was there from the commencement to the close; it occupied about half an hour after the Mayor went out; the claim of Wakeman was acted on first, and that perhaps gave rise to the Mayor's remark about the treatment of this claim; Wakeman's claim probably suggested it; the Mayor stated that he requested the claim to be very carefully made out, and he did not expect it to be treated with any more consideration than others had been; nothing was said up to the time of his leaving about cutting it down; I remained probably for the purpose of walking up with Weismann; it was a conversational meeting within the bar, near the clerk's table; I was leaning against a post, and think I heard all the public remarks, and some of the private remarks.

Richard A. Reading, sworn.—Examined by counsel for defendant. (This is the witness that defendant's counsel reserved when they rested.) I am a fire underwriter, and have been so since 1829; I was selected by the Supervisors as one of the Fire Committee; after the parties were examined and their witnesses, the claims came to us individually; my general course was first to look over the evidence already taken and the claims, and then went to the parties, where there were accounts, and demanded their books, papers, bills, vouchers and everything necessary to elucidate the claim; from these I made up an estimate of the loss and compared it with the account presented, and either allowed or refused it; generally they required reduction; I examined claims of machinery destroyed; Farley's claim was not referred to us; I made no investigation; I looked over it.

Cross-examined—All claims were not presented to us; one-tenth certainly were; I have a general knowledge of machinery, having been engaged in the manufacture of files about a year, and I have a general turn of mind toward machinery, not particularly for gun machinery; there were no other claims for machinery that were not referred to the examiners that I know of; there were four or five such claims, three of which were referred to me; they were Harlem claims; there was also the claim of Ackerman for tools destroyed in this factory; that was referred to me; there were quite a number of claims for tools; generally they were referred to us; two of the Harlem claims were by two Anson Brothers; they were all in the same row of buildings, which were all destroyed.

Orison Blunt sworn. Examined by counsel for plaintiff: For the last year I have been engaged in filling up the armies of the United States with volunteers and substitutes for this county; since 1854 I was a member of the Board of Supervisors, with the exception of the years 1855 and 1856; I learned the business of manufacturing guns and pistols in 1832; and continued it till 1855, under the firm name of Blunt & Sims; I understand the mode of making guns in every part, and know every machine that is used at this day; I remember this claim; it came from the Comptroller; some claims were first sent to us, and we sent them to the Comptroller, and then they came back to us; I never knew Farley before he presented himself before the committee to testify; Opdyke never spoke to me, either directly or indirectly, in any way whatever in regard to the claim; neither Farley nor any other person ever spoke to me on the merits of the claim; when it came up, I was desirous that the entire committee should sit and hear it, as it was a large and important one; the committee discussed the matter at considerable length, and came to the conclusion that after they had heard it, they would not know much more about it than before, and they said: "You hear it, and report it all to us;" I objected to doing it in that way, but they afterward insisted upon it, and I consented to hear it; it was before me from nine to twelve days; Farley was the first witness, Marston the second, and Kean the third; there were many others who testified in other cases, and as the committee were satisfied that the building was destroyed with all the property, from those other outsiders, they did not go into that part of the evidence in this case; there were claims for bench tools destroyed in this armory, and I think I examined Ackerman at very great length on the destruction of the building in his own case.

Q.—Was all that was said by the witnesses written down in this claim? A.—Farley was examined at very great length; what I considered unimportant in the case was not put down; only what related directly to the case; I allowed the witness to tell his own story as long as he wished, and then directed the clerk, Hutchings to put down such parts as applied to the case; the rest I considered there was no necessity of putting down; he put down just what he was told by me; this was so in regard to every other witness; then the testimony was read over to the witness and he signed and swore to it.

Q.—Was the explanation full? A.—I do not think there was one-quarter that Farley or Kean said that was put down; I questioned Keen closely and extensively to learn whether he had any knowledge of these matters, and I was satisfied that he understood what he was talking about.

Q.—What explanations, if any, were given to you about the value and quality of the machinery, tools and guns? A.—The first witness called on that point was Marston; I examined him at very great length on every item in the bill that was presented that the company bought of him, and I was satisfied from the knowledge I had of the business, that every price that was charged—[Objected to as not responsive. Objection sustained.] Witness proceeded: Marston showed me just what every item cost, and said that he had lost a large amount of money by selling the tools to the company—some $20,000 or $30,000, I think; that is less than they cost him; I questioned him in regard to their condition when he sold them, to find out whether any of them were spoiled, and whether any of the machines were injured by being badly used.

Q.—Were the prices fixed such as you judged from your knowledge, to be proper and reasonable? A.—There was no item charged in that bill but what I considered a just, fair and low price for such articles at that time.

Q.—State what was your examination of Mr. Kean? A.—I examined Mr. Kean much longer than I had Mr. Marston; I examined him about the entire factory, as he was well acquainted with the entire factory, and Mr. Marston was not, inasmuch as there were other tools put in the factory after Mr. Farley came and Mr. Marston had sold out; I examined Mr. Kean on every item that was purchased of Mr. Marston, in order that he should tell me the condition of the tools at the time they were purchased of Mr. Marston, so that I should be satisfied that the tools purchased of Mr. Marston, together with the machines, were in good condition, and not spoiled by inferior workmen; I was satisfied that Mr. Kean understood the business thoroughly, and upon these investigations I was satisfied that the prices charged were fair, and that Mr. Kean well understood them; from the knowledge I had of the business I was satisfied that the committee had the whole story with regard to the worth and cost.

Q.—State your examination of Mr. Farley? A.—I examined Mr. Farley very thoroughly, as regarded the investment, &c.; he knew very little with regard to the machinery; I examined him very closely on on the point of investment.

Q.—Did you examine him about his ownership? A.—When Mr. Farley presented the claim to me it was the first time I ever saw him, and I asked him if it was his; he said it was; I asked him if there was any other claim on the concern, and I named Mr. Opdyke, the Mayor; he said he did not know of any other claim; that that was the entire claim; I told him I had been informed that there was $500,000 invested in that factory, and this claim was only for $207,00; that I had a small claim presented for tools; that if there were any other claims I would like to have them all brought up together and examined at the same time; he said this was the only claim, except there might be some claim for small tools by mechanics.

Q.—When you questioned Mr. Farley about his ownership, did he exhibit to you a bill of sale? A.—He showed me a bill of sale from Mr. Marston to him, and that was the bill of sale I used before the committee, in order to ascertain what the goods cost him; I cannot state whether the paper here produced was the bill of sale; I made no mark upon it.

Q.—Do you remember anything being said at the time about any one else being interested under him, or with him. A.—I told him I had understood that Mr. Opdyke owned the concern, and he showed me the bill of sale from Mr. Marston; I stated to Mr. Farley that the object of the committee was, first, to learn who owned the property; the next thing was the property destroyed; we had already understood from witnesses in other cases that the property was destroyed, and I did not wish to call any witnesses to that point; I stated to him that I wanted him to show what the property was worth.

Q.—Did you at that time know, or had you heard that Mr. Opdyke was interested in the establishment? A.—I had heard more than fifty times that Mr. Opdyke had a large gun factory on the corner of Twenty-second-street and Second-avenue, and was manufacturing guns for the Government.

Q.—Look at the last page of the account, and state whether that part of the account is, in your judgment, justly and properly made up or not? A.—The first item is 500 patent Gibbs' breech-loading carbines, finished, assembled and ready to deliver, at $24 70—$12 350; Mr. Kean was examined on that point; I examined at very great length, and not one-eighth part of his testimony on that point was written down; I was satisfied his calculation was entirely correct; I agreed with him.

Q.—Did you go over the calculations as to all these with him? A.—No, Sir; he stated that he had made the calculation, and stated how he made the calculation; I did not go into the calculation with him; I was satisfied that he understood how to do it just as well as myself, and I was satisfied to take his statement under oath; the next item of 500, finished, ready to assemble, at $22 73, I examined Mr. Kean as to it; he went into the same calculation, in the same way, and I was satisfied his calculation was entirely correct; the next, of 1,000, all machined, filed and stocked, at $21 30, I went into an examination in regard to, and was satisfied that his calculation was entirely correct; the same as to the next item of 1,000, machined, stocked and not filed, at $19 12½, and the next two items of 1,000 each; on the item of 1,000 carbines, all forged and inspected, not matched, at $13 87, I examined Mr. Kean longer than any other; I arrived at how he made the calculation, and was satisfied that he was entirely correct, and that he understood what he was about; I knew every stage of the manufacture of guns, and every part of the manufacture, and know how to do every part with my own hands; after I had taken the evidence down I was satisfied; I then called all the committee together; after getting the committee together, I told them I had a very important case now, which I wished them to consider carefully and understand it, before they made any report upon it; I caused the evidence to be read over; I stated that the evidence which related to the destruction of the factory had been taken in other cases, and we were all satisfied the building had been destroyed; I stated there had been many things said which could not be written down and submitted to the committee; the case then came up to audit the bill; I recommended the committee to audit the bill at the entire cost, as every article was worth the amount charged at the time it was lost; the Comptroller made a motion to reduce, which I opposed.

Q.—Had it been laid over from the time it was first presented to the Committee to another day? A.—I forget about that.

Q.—Do you know Thomas C. Fields? A.—I do; he was sent to assist the Committee by the Corporation counsel; he attended and said he was desirous of doing anything that might be required, and the Committee assigned Mr. Fields to such duties as they thought he could do; when he required a furlough they always gave it to him.

Q.—Was that pretty often? A.—Not oftener than the Committee could assent to; Mr. Fields generally asked me what case he should examine, and as a general thing I selected the case for him, and I think he did it very well.

Q.—Do you remember when this case came up before the Committee his insisting that it should be examined by Mr. Whitney, an Engineer, and have a further examination? A.—I never heard Mr. Fields or any man say any such thing; Mr. Fields said to me, before we finally passed the claim, that if I wished any more testimony, or any more information on the point; he knew some one who was either a Superintendent, or formerly had been, at Springfield; I stated to Mr. Fields that if the gentleman had been ever in this factory, or had any knowledge of this factory, I should be pleased to have his testimony; but inasmuch as he knew nothing of this factory, I did not see that he could give the committee any more information than they had; that was the only conversation that ever came up.

Q.—Did Mr. Fields object to the action of the committee on this claim? A.—I never heard that Mr. Fields objected to the action on this claim, or any other claim before the committee, nor do I think he did.

Q.—Did he protest, and say it was his duty, on behalf of the city, to suggest certain things in respect to it; that witnesses should be examined on the other side, as all the witnesses examined were, with one exception, either agents or employes of Mr. Farley? A.—I have no knowledge of Mr. Fields, or any other person, making any such suggestion to me, or to the committee, or that I ever heard of it before.

Q.—How happened Mayor Opdyke to be present when this claim was called up? A.—At the appointment of the committee Mr. Purdy moved that the Mayor and Comptroller should be added to the committee; I opposed that, as they were no part of the Board of Supervisors; the motion was withdrawn, and after the committee organized, a resolution was passed inviting the Mayor and Comptroller to be present, in order that they should understand the evidence, and understand every case; as the Mayor had the power of vetoeing, and the Comptroller had power to audit, after the Board of Supervisors passed the claim; I sent for the Mayor on this particular occasion under the direction of Mr. Purdy; I sent for him three times on this occasion before he came; when it came up Mr. Opdyke said he was interested in it, and would not stay, and he withdrew immediately; he was not two minutes about it; I think he said he should withdraw, and to treat his claim as we did all others; after he withdrew the claim was considered, after a great deal of discussion; Comptroller Brennan made a motion to reduce it; I opposed it; I said it was fair and just as it was, and ought not to be reduced one dollar; and that was my course on every claim; if it was unfair I was ready to reduce it to the last cent, and if it was not I was ready to give every cent; it was finally reduced; Mr. Purdy opposed reducing it and spoke at considerable length; he said that if they reduced the claim he would not sign the report.

Q.—Are you acquainted with the value of machinery? A.—I am with some.

Q.—Was there any increase in the price of machinery from Dec. 1, 1862, to July 13, 1863? A.—My impression is there was a very large increase on all kinds of machinery during that time; but in consequence of the increased price of iron and scarcity of labor, I am perfectly satisfied the cost of making and setting up was increased.

Q.—Do you know whether there was a great demand for firearms during that time? A.—I knew there was, and the supply very small; I bought a milling machine at $140, which I sold some months after for $160; being in the business, and wanting to buy milling machines, I learned that they had increased very much.

Cross-examined—The paper produced is the claim of Ackerman for carpenter's tools; I don't think there was any witness examined but himself; I ceased to be a gun-maker and dealer in guns in 1855; since 1856 I have been in the public service; I ran for Mayor in the fall of 1863; may have been nominated in October.

Q.—Are you now a member of the bar? A.—(Laughing,) I have not yet received my certificate; I believe I have passed an examination, and have been reported upon; the machine I spoke of as purchasing at $140 and selling at $160, was one I bought in Newark, N. J.; I always buy at the lowest market price, for cash; I sold it to W. J. Sims & Brother, my successors; they stated that they could not get one at the time, and needed it very much; the bargain was satisfactory to me.

Q.—They were in a tight place? A.—No, they were never in a tight place; I was never in a tight place in my life. [Laughter.]

Q.—You know all about guns? A.—I know a great deal about guns.

Q.—Do you know of anybody that knows more about them? A.—I think I know as much as any man about a gun; if there is any one that knows more, I don't know him to-day.

Q.—Do you remember taking a machine to Washington to show—a sort of field-gun, that turned a crank and raked a whole regiment? A.—I remember going with a man to Washington, and taking a rotary-gun, that would rake a whole line when it was all in proper order; I exhibited it to the heads of all the various departments; I fired it myself, and split it all to pieces while I was doing it; [laughter;] Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Welles and, I think, twenty others were present.

Q.—Did you split it on purpose? A.—No, Sir; I did not make the gun; it was made by a machinist, who knew nothing about the gun, and he made the parts of cast-iron, instead of steel; I told him he ought to have known better than to make a gun to shoot out of cast-iron, that was no better than corn-bread; [laughter;] when it was made afterward, under my directions, it never split.

Q.—You had a narrow escape? A.—No, Sir; there was no danger; I would undertake to split it every day the same way.

Q.—It was a safe gun? A.—No, Sir; because it would not do to fire.

Q.—Don't you think a gun that will not hurt any one, even when it bursts, a safe gun? [Laughter.] A.—No, Sir; it is a very unsafe one, if you have the enemy in front of you.

Q.—Does the testimony taken down, in your judgment, contain all that was material to the claim? A.—It does.

[Mr. Blunt was inquired of very minutely as to the basis or character of the evidence on which he reported favorably in regard to the several items in the inventory. He stated that on Kean's examination, the whole expense of the factory was divided up among the guns, in arriving at the cost; Kean put down the material at so much, the labor at so much, the capital invested in tools and machinery so much, rent and expenses of all kinds.]

Q.—If the carbines, on that calculation, had cost $1,000 apiece, that would have been your rule of allowing the claim against the city? A.—If the claim came in in that way; if I had been satisfied there had been that investment made and that loss, I would have allowed it.

Q.—You mean to say that the way these special prices were distributed to each class of guns was this: that the cost of the investment was appropriated to each lot, and divided among the number of that lot? A.—Together with the expense of the factory—every cost connected with the factory on this first lot of guns; that is the way it was arrived at; the tariff paid the patentee was also considered; I was surprised the claim was so small, because the factory was represented to be so large.

Q.—When this claim was passing through the committee, did any one tell you that the way it was arrived at was this: that they took the cost to make the carbine ready to deliver, as fixed by the price the Government was to pay; then they brought the incomplete carbines, counted how much additional labor it would take to make them complete, and deducted that from the full price? A.—I have no recollection of any such statement having been made by any one before the committee; neither do I think any such statement ever was made by any one.

Q.—Did you understand that on Mr. Farley's presentation of his claim, so far as it included what had come from Mr. Marston, it was a mere copy of the inventory of prices at which he had bought from Marston? A.—I do not recollect anything of that kind; I am under the impression that Mr. Marston stated that, although his bill amounted to over $80,000 or $90,000, he was willing to take a certain amount of that—I think something like $67,000, and the difference was what Mr. Marston stated he had lost.

Q.—This item of 29 tool-hands for 72 weeks, $17,864; what evidence had you that that $17,864 had been burned up in this factory? A.—Mr. Kean stated that they had had a large number of men employed in making tools, adjusting machines, &c., for the purpose of making that gun; upon his statement I was satisfied that he had, and from the knowledge I had of the business of making these tools.

Q.—Did you observe that in this settlement for machinery the city was paying for every machine and for every tool in this concern bought of Marston, at the full price the machines and tools were charged at on 1st Dec., 1862? A.—I was aware that the items charged in this schedule were entirely correct; I asked both Marston and Kean if all the tools that had been broken were kept up, and they stated they were all kept up and in just as good condition as when purchased.

Q.—The $67,000 covered all the tools, on the notion that they had been kept up as good as when purchased? A.—Yes.

Look at the $17,000 item for tool hands, and see if that was not the wages of keeping up these tools as good as when they were bought. A.—Some of it might have been—how much I don't know. I considered this a large item, and investigated it to my entire satisfaction.

Q.—Take the item of partitions, closets, desks, drawers, &c. A.—The first item is for lumber; I was surprised at so much lumber, and asked if he had it on hand; I am certain I asked him on that particular point, and asked what they were doing with so much lumber; he said they had the lumber there, and I was satisfied.

Q.—See if that item does not read "lumber for the above, $463, so that it could not be lumber on hand? A.—Yes; that lumber must have been used up; but there was an item of lumber on hand. [Examines the list] I do not see the item of lumber on hand.

Q.—Were any witnesses examined except such as the claimant brought? A.—None to the point, except Keen, the claimant's foreman.

Q.—Who acted as counsel on the part of the city? A.—I heard the evidence, and submitted it to the committee; that was the case with nearly all other claims; there were witnesses in prior claims who testified to the distruction of this building; the committee had to be satisfied of that; I did not know whether the witnesses were interested; I did not ask that question of any one; the committee relied upon me and the statements of the witnesses just as they made them; the testimony was all read by the clerk before the committee in session on the day they passed upon the claim; the schedule was looked at by each member, but the items were not read through; I think it took nearly all the afternoon to read it; the evidence was always read over before the committee, and I am sure it was on this occasion.

Q.—What did Mr. Purdy say? A.—He said he considered the claim just and fair, and was opposed to reducing it one cent.

Q.—Did he resign on the day it passed? A.—He sent in his resignation on that day, and it was laid on the table.

Q.—Did you understand he resigned because the $7,000 was struck off? A.—Not in any way; he voted on its passage after it was reconsidered, and he voted against it before it was reconsidered, and he indorsed it; my recollection is entire distinct about this.

Q.—What books did Farley present? A.—I asked for all the books, and they said that they had been burned; I think they presented all that had been saved; the cash book, showing the outlay, I think was presented; Farley held it in his hand, and read from it; I was satisfied from his statements; I do not think I looked into it; he read it himsel, and I think he stated that there was his cash account; I understood him to testify what he had invested from the book, and I was satisfied from the amount invested in regard to the cost of the guns.

Q.—When the cash-book was produced, and the statements aggregated and testified to, was anything said about $28,000 having been received back from the Government of the United States. There was not one cent: I asked him distinctly if there had been any money received from the Government, and it was stated that there had not, inasmuch as there had been no guns delivered; that they were ready to be delivered, but had not been receipted for.

Re-direct—(Inventory shown)—Marston presented himself with a book like this; there was an item of lumber $1,476, and I asked him what he was doing with all that lumber; the item charged in the bill is $463; I knew there was a large amount for lumber sometime in the schedule, and this $1,476 is the one I had in my recollection when I read it before under the head of lumber; I never read the schedule over since I passed the report; I was surprised to find so much lumber, and Marston explained it to me to my entire satisfaction; the other lumber was what was worked into closets, drawers, partitions, &c., after Marston sold out, as appears here; I never understood that the claim was made for any other articles except as appeared here; there was no other claim except for some small tools claimed by workmen in the factory; I directed every claim to be advertised in a number of papers of the largest circulation a number of days on what particular day it would be heard, and I think this was so advertised.

Q—What was the cause of Purdy's resignation? A—He can tell; I don't think I ought to tell any private conversation here.

Q—Had it anything to do with this gun claim? A—Not in the least; it was in reference to a loss claimed by a relative of his, a nephew I think.

Q—How many separate pieces are there in a gun, and how many sets of tools are required for each piece? A—At a guess, I should say there are twenty-five or twenty-six pieces, requiring from four to twelve tools each; I call the cutting mills tools.

Q—Are breakage and waste a part of the cost of production? A—So I always understood; and I have never come across any one who did not so consider it.

Q—According to your judgment would twenty-nine tool hands be required for such a factory as this? A—All the fixtures and many of the machines to do certain work are made in the factory by the tool hands, and if all the tools were made in the factory it would take a great many more than the number charged to do that work; it was stated that these men were employed as tool hands, and I believed it and allowed accordingly.

Q.—In what order was these riot claims taken up? A.—The committee first took up the small claims, especially of colored people; after passing some eight hundred I proposed to drop them and take up the large ones; then between times we examined the small claims; some we disposed off in five minutes; we heard some days as many as forty; I heard a man's statement for loss of time about three minutes, let him swear to it, and there was an end to it; we did not allow such claims.

Q.—What is the cost of getting up an establishment to manufacture such carbines at the rate of fifty a day? Three or $400,000 would be a moderate investment at this time; I consider the enterprise as a very hazardous one, and if I had an order for 10,000 only for military service I would not go into it any how; it would be impossible to make any money by it, with no further orders.

Re-cross.—If my factory was burned while running out the second thousand, I should calculate to get every cent I put in; but I would not start with an order for ten nor twenty nor fifty thou sand; I would have expected an insurance company to pay every cent I put into it; I should expect to lose very heavily at the end of an order for ten thousand; probably nearer ninety per cent. than seventy-five of the first cost would have been sunk; there were plenty of claims for labor lost in consequence of being thrown out of employment, which I would hear and reject in the time I am telling you; there were claims, also, where men were looking on, and were knocked down and robbed of their watches; we did not think the laborers had lost anything when nothing was burned up; I think the most urgent claim was that of a boarding-house keeper, and she was shown to have been rich; breakage and waste make up the cost of putting the articles in the market; articles fetch more or less than the cost; I have bought United States muskets often for sixty cents.

Re-direct.—Q.—If you had had a contract for 10,000 carbines, and it was certain that the profit would be $20,000, and the factory burned down after 2,000 were made; would you think you had indemnity at the price of old iron, or of the parts on hand? A.—No, Sir, I would not have submitted to it without going through all the courts in the country.

Q.—If you rejected a claim on such grounds, would you expect the city to be sued? A.—I should.

Re-cross.—Q.—Is it a supposable contract to make 10,600 or 20,090 guns. A.—At what price. [Laughter.]

Thos. C. Acton sworn:—Examined by counsel for plaintiff. I am one of the Commissioners of Police; I was such in 1863; Mr. Bergen was the other; on the 13th of July, about noon, an order was issued to concentrate the police at the headquarters in Mulberry-street; that was after the burning of the buildings in Forty-sixth-street, the Provost-Marshal office, and the injury to Superintendent Kennedy; the Mayor had no power over the police.

Cross-examined.—I gave orders to send assistance to all places where there were arms or ammunition; the authority of the Mayor to order out the military was well understood; we had the same power; Opdyke's house was in Fifth-avenue, and we sent a force to protect that, and kept it there several days.

Re-direct.—I understood the Mayor made a requisition for the military force; we made a requisition on Monday, about noon, on Gen. Sandford; Gen. Harvey Brown brought three companies of United States Regulars; I did not see Gen. Sandford's troops till Thursday; they were under my orders when the Governor gave orders to that effect; the Seventh Regiment was coming home, and was under Gen. Sandford's orders.

Wm. W. Marston, direct examination resumed by counsel for plaintiff.—I have looked over the items in the sale for $92,000, and I find that $62,675 91 were for machinery and tools; $5,286 52 for work on the twenty-five model guns, for lumber, hardware, curtains, buildings, carpenter work and blacksmith shop, (this I did not and do not now count among machinery and tools;) $20,266 04 for stock, (that does not appear in the printed claim;) then the note of Brooks', which I made over, was $2,168; then for rent, gas, insurance and coal, $2,618 65, (this was reduced;) the whole amount making $92,135 02, as I have figured it up.

Cross-Examined.—The stock is mixed up in the account; it was estimated at the price I sold it at; I am satisfied it cost more; the stock I could get at; the machinery and tools were consumed; the appraisers put their valuation an the tools, a good part of which I made; others that I bought were put in at the price paid for; the 5,000 gun stocks at 13 cents each were in the factory when I sold out; there were gun-barrels there that do not appear in the account; the amounts paid to the makers were put down; (items stated approximately amounting to $3,375;) the item of work charged on 25 guns, $2,500, came in this way: there had been a great deal of time consumed in getting the tools ready, and the time for delivering had passed; Farley was urgent that some guns should be made for delivery; I told him if it was necessary to go out of the general routine it would put things back very much, and cost a great deal; Opdyke said it made no difference what it cost, everything else must stop for that; the foreman considered that they cost that much in consequence of the delay, and I have no doubt they did: they were not finished, though much more was not required about them; I question whether they could have been delivered to the Government under the contract; the material was good, and I think they were perfectly safe to shoot with; they would have been serviceable if they had been properly put together, but they were fussed about a good deal.

Q.—What did you get your pay in from the establishment? A.—Opdyke had advanced to me $67.699 58; interest, $1,576 43; then I had from McNeil $2,500; then a note of McNeil, which Opdyke discounted or paid, $2,000; then my indebtedness was $16,948 62; all that made $90,720 63, which was the payment I got; I was a debtor for all that money, except the $2,000.

Q.—What was the condition of the business as respects its value in regard to the money put into it? (Objected to; objection overruled.) A.—I considered that the full value was there.

Q.—What was the profit expected on the manufacture of the 10,000 guns. (Objected to; objection overruled.) A.—If there had been no more, there would have been a great loss; I think the equipment was pretty much complete.

Q.—On the 1st of December, 1862, what number of tool hands would be required up to July to keep up the equipment of tools? (Objected to as new affirmative evidence; objection sustained; exception taken.)

Adjourned till Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, MADISON-AVENUE, THIRTY-FIFTH-STREET.—We understand that one hundred thousand dollars' worth of pews have been sold in the new Church of the Incarnation, corner of Madison-avenue and Thirty-fifth-street. Premiums have also been received to the amount of about twenty thousand dollars. The gifts to the parish amount to twenty-five thousand dollars more. The church will be consecrated as soon as the arrangements can be made for the interesting service. The success recorded above is believed to be without a parallel in the history of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this or any other city.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH FOR DEAF MUTES.—This institution in Eighteenth-street, near Fifth-avenue, now needs only $6,000 to enable it to pay its mortgaged debt of $30,000. At a special service, to be held in the church this (Friday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, the offerings and subscriptions of the congregation will be received toward making up this sum of $6,000. Rev. A. H. VINTON, D. D., will preach, and the sermon will be interpreted in the sign-language.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 23, 1864.

$12,000	U. S. 6s, '81. C.	116¼	800	Erie Railway	86½
10,000	do	116⅛	750	do	86¾
24,000	do	116	200	do b30	87⅛
15,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20s. C.	107	100	do b15	87⅛
9,000	do...new iss.	106⅜	40	Hudson R. R.	114
15,000	do..n. is.. b10	106⅜	200	do	114¾
5,000	do...new iss.	106⅝	300	do	114⅝
20,000	do...new iss.	106½	500	do s30	114⅜
1,000	U. S. 5s, '71...C.	110	100	do b30	115¼
10,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40s. C.	100¾	100	Erie R. Pref.	100
20,000	do	100⅝	100	Reading R.	113¾
500	do	100¼	200	do b30	113⅝
10,000	Trea. N. 7 3-10s,		200	do	113
	Ap. & Oct.	120	500	do	112¾
5,000	do	120⅜	100	Mich. Cen. R	116
10,000	U. S. 6s. 1 yr. Cer.	96	300	M. S. & N. I.	69⅜
500	Va. State 6s	50	200	do b30	69⅜
2,000	Mo. State 6s	63⅜	800	do	69¼
8,000	do	64	100	do	69½
52,000	O. & M. Cer.	32½	200	Ill. Cen. R	122
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87,	106	100	do b30	122
3,000	B., N. Y., & E. 1st	104	100	do	121½
8,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s	106	100	do	121
7,000	To. & W. 2d M.	83	100	Cle. & Pitts. b30	94
1,000	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st	112¾	200	do b15	93¼
2,000	Peninsula R. 1st	85	300	do	93
2,000	Mar. 1st M. B.	97	600	do b10	93
6,000	Ch. & Alt. In. B.	90	400	do	92½
50	Fourth Nat. Bank.	96	200	do	92¼
37	Merchants' Bk	116	200	do	91½
25	B'k of Commerce.	117¼	1500	Chi. & N. W	39
20	do	118	200	do	39¼
43	Nassau Bank	110	100	do	39⅜
10	N. Y. Co. Bank	155	200	Chi. & N. W. Pr	69¼
50	Cen. National B'k	105	600	do	70
100	Canton Co	34	100	do b10	70¼
50	Del. & Hud. C. Co	210½	200	do s30	70
15	do	210	200	do s30	69¾
10	Penn. Coal Co.	195	600	do s30	69½
150	Cum. Coal Pr.	44	400	do b10	70
100	do b30	44½	100	Clev. & Tol. R	108
100	do	43¾	100	do s30	107⅜
100	do	43½	600	do	107
100	do s60	43	500	do s30	106½
200	Copake Iron M	4	300	Chi. & R. I. R	102½
100	Ashburton Coal	19	150	do	102
100	N. Y. & Havre S. Co	120	100	do b10	102¼
200	Am. Coal Co	83½	200	do	101⅜
200	do	83	700	do	101¼
200	Quick. Min	94½	200	do	101½
100	Mariposa Min	33⅜	14	New-Jersey Cen	170
200	do	33¼	1700	P., Ft. W. & C	99⅜
100	do	33	500	do	99¾
50	Atl. M. S. C	150	600	do s30	99
10	N. Y. Cen. R	114	500	do s30	99¼
300	do	113	500	do	99⅝
100	do	113⅛	200	do	99¾
100	Alt. & T. H. Pref.	70	310	Chi. & Alt. R. Pr.	95

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s..R.	106⅜	300	Erie Railway	87
1,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s. C.	106⅜	1200	do	87¼
20,000	do	106½	500	do	87⅜
20,000	do...new iss.	106⅜	200	do b10	87⅜
40,000	do...new iss.	106⅛	800	do	87⅜
10,000	U. S. 6s, '81.. R.	109⅜	100	Hudson Riv. R	115¼
20,000	U. S. 6s. '81..C.	115⅜	200	Reading R	114
15,000	U. S. 5s. 10-40s. C.	100¾	300	Mich. Cen. R	118
1,000	Mo. State 6s	64	100	do	117⅛
65,000	O. & Miss. Cer.	33	100	M. S. & N. I. b10	70
5,000	Am. Gold	221	800	do	70
100	Canton Co	34⅜	200	Ill. Cen. R	124
100	do	34¼	500	Cleve. & Pitts	93
200	Cum Coal Pref.	44¾	1000	do	93¼
100	Quick M. Co	94¼	200	do b5	93½
200	Mar. M. Co	33	1100	Chi. & N. W	40⅜
300	N. Y. Cen	114	1200	C. & N. W. Pr	71
25	do	113¾	500	Clev. & Tol. s30	108
200	P., Ft. W. & C	101	600	Ch. & R. I. R	103
200	do s30	101	400	do	103¼
100	do	101¼			

OPEN BOARD—1½ P. M.

$20,000	U. S. 5-20s, New		500	Cleve. & Pitts	90
	Issue c	106	500	do b5	90¼
10,000	do	106¼	500	do s3	90⅜
10,000	O. & M. Cer. c	32½	500	do	90⅜
10,000	do	32⅝	500	do b30	92
100	N. Y. Cen	113⅝	500	do s30	91
100	do s10	112⅞	200	do	91¼
100	Erie R.	85½	300	Chi. & R. I. R	101¾
100	do b5	85⅝	100	do c	101⅞
600	do b5	85¾	2500	C. & N. W. Pref.	70¾
100	do s3	85⅜	100	do c	70⅝
500	do b10	86	1200	do b10	70⅝
200	do	85⅞	1600	Pitts. Ft. W. & C	100
100	Mich. Cen. R	115⅞	200	do b5	100
200	M. S. & N. I. R	69½	200	do c	100
300	do s3	69⅜	600	do b5	100¼
700	do	69¼	100	Cum. Coal	44
100	Chi. & N. W	39⅜	300	do b5	44
200	do	39¾	200	do c	43⅞
100	do c	39⅝	100	do s10	43¾
100	Ill. Cen. R.	123	100	Quick. Min. Co	94¼
100	Mar. Min. Co c	33	200	do b10	94⅜
300	do	32¾	100	do	94
100	do	33			

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

100	Erie R.	87⅜	100	M. S. & N. I	70½
1200	do s5	87¼	1200	do s5	70
500	do b5	87⅝	100	Chic. & N. W. R s3	40¾
900	do	87⅛	100	do	40½
1000	do b10	87⅜	100	do b3	40½
500	do b5	87½	800	Cleve. & Pitts. b5	93½
400	Hud. Riv. R.	115½	600	do	93¼
100	do s30	115⅝	100	do b3	93¾
100	Mich. Cen. R s5	117⅛	400	do b3	93½
100	do	117¼	300	Chi. & R. I. R s10	103
100	do	117⅝	400	C. & N. W. Pr	71
300	do s10	117⅜	100	Quick. Min. Co b10	95

FRIDAY, Dec. 23—P. M.

The active movement in Money, noticed as very sharp by the Brokers at the close of bank hours yesterday, was not sensibly relaxed until after 2 o'clock to-day. A number of needy borrowers made themselves easy by selling Government and other Stocks, for cash, at a further concession in prices. The lowest points made for new 5-20s were 106@105⅞, and for the 10-40s, 100¼@100, these sales being between the sessions of the Stock Exchange Board to the heavy Wall-street Brokers in Governments. In turn, these Brokers had a good outside demand upon them because of the sudden considerable fall in prices, and a large business was done at their counters. The First National Bank subscribed for $138,000 of the new 7-30 per cents., but we heard of no subscriptions at either of the National Banks or at the Treasury office, for the 10-40s. The old 5-20s, marketable in Europe, sold at 107@106⅞ per cent. At the afternoon Stock Board there was a partial improvement in all the government securities, and rather less eagerness to press the Railways on sale. The impression attained currency among the Money Brokers that the squeeze for loans on demand will be over in a few days, probably by the middle of next week, as the Government is disbursing heavily, in this city and neighborhood, on money requisitions heretofore deferred. Of the $25,000,000 taken up for 10-40 Bonds, a large proportion, perhaps two-thirds, will almost immediately return to active employment at Bank and on the Street, through the public creditors thus paid off.

The Gold Room was comparatively steady through the forenoon, the market being partially weaker near the close of 'Change hour. The range of sales was 222¼@220½ ₩ cent. Bills on London were 109⅝ for Bankers, and 108¾@109 for Merchants, in Gold—a fair business for Saturday's mail.

At the Second Board and after, the Railways were inclined to some steadiness in prices, and Governments were in request at the Board and on the Street. Gold about 221 ₩ cent.:

	Thurs.	Frid.		Thurs.	Frid.
U. S. 6s, 1881	116⅜	115¼	Pittsburgh	94¾	93
U. S. 5-20's	107⅜	107	Northwest	39¾	40⅜
T. Certificates	96¾	96½	N. West Pref.	70	71
N. Y. Central	114	114	Rock Island	103⅜	103
Erie	87¼	87¼	Fort Wayne	100¾	101
Hudson	114¾	115⅜	Cum'land Coal	44⅜	44
Reading	113⅝	114	Quicksilver	94½	94⅜
Mich. Southern	69¾	70	Mariposa	33⅜	33¼
Illinois Cen	123⅜	124	Ohio & M. Certfs	32¾	33

The Illinois Central Company have declared a half-yearly Dividend of 5 ₩ cent.

The following bids were made to-day for the City Bank shares. They sympathized with the general decline in the market:

Manhattan	135	American Exchange	130
Merchants'	116	Bank of the Republic	106
Mechanics'	112½	Bank of N. Amer	112
Union	117	Hanover	104
America	140	Irving	100
City	155	Metropolitan, x. d.	125
Phenix	110	Peoples'	109
Tradesmen's	116	Market	105
Fulton	155	Nassau	110
Dry Dock	110	Corn Exchange	108
Merchants' Exchange	100	St. Nicholas	103
State of New-York	125	Marine	160
Commerce	117	N. Y. County	155
Mechanics' Bk. Ass	101	Imp. and Traders'	109
Broadway	205	Park	145
Ocean	94	Central National	104
Mercantile	124	Fourth National	98

And the following bids were made for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	117½	Chi. & N. W. 2ds	89
Erie 1sts, '68	104	Tol. & Wab. 1sts	100
Erie 7s, 3d mort. '83	114	Tol. & W. 1sts. Ext	100
Erie 7s, 4th mort., '80	104	Tol. & Wab. 2ds	81
Erie 7s, 5th mort. '88	100	Chi. & R. I. 1sts	104
Hud. R., 7s, 1sts '69	106	Clev. & Tol. S. F	107½
H. R. 7s, 2ds, M, S, F. '85	110	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 1sts	112
Harlem 1st, '69 & '72	106	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 2ds	98
Mich. C. 8 ₩ c., '69 & '72	124	Clev. & Pitts. 4ths	79
Chi., B. & Q., 8 ₩ c. 1st	122	Miss. & Mo. L. G. 1sts	56
Mich. S. 2ds, 7 ₩ c	93	Chi. & Alt. 1sts	105½
M. S. & N. I. S. F 7 ₩ c	106	Chi. & Al. Income	89
Ill. Central 7 ₩ c, '75	115	Peninsular R. R. B	85
Chi. & N. W. S. F	107	Mil. & St. Paul 1sts	92½
Chi. & N. W. 1sts	98		

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer United States, New York, was as follows: Receipts, $3,751,096 09; for customs, $121,835 21; payments, $5,508,377 05; on account loan, $60,100; balance, $24,299,249 67.

The week's imports of Foreign Dry Goods have been to the value of only $435,780, against $1,512,545 the same week last year. The following is the summary for the week:

	CONSUMPTION DIRECT.		WAREHOUSED.		WITHDRAWN.	
	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Mnfs. of Wool.	491	$111,001	98	$32,396	229	$83,564
Mnfs. Cotton	45	11,827	23	10,268	129	40,728
Mnfs of Silk	59	34,626	9	11,186	18	22,971
Mnfs. of Flax	518	122,791	237	62,265	374	95,306
Miscellaneous.	150	36,766	18	2,656	415	21,794
Totals	1,263	$317,011	385	$118,769	1,165	$264,566
		118,769				317,011
Total entered		$435,780	Total marketed			$581,577

The Hanover Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, and payable on and after January 3.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HOWES & MACY,

(Late Officers of the Park Bank,)

BANKERS,

30 WALL STREET,

In Rooms lately occupied by J. J. Cisco, Esq., U. S. Aſsiſtant Treasurer.

FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS; which may be drawn without previous notice, as with the City Banks.

Orders for the purchaſe or sale of UNITED STATES AND OTHER BONDS, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, GOLD, SILVER, and all kinds of STOCKS, executed for the uſual commiſſion.

PARTICULAR attention paid to the collection of Notes, Checks, Bills of Exchange, &c., &c., on all acceſſible points of the United States and Canada. Checks for the proceeds will be sent to the owner's place of buſineſs without delay.

Movements of European Steamers.

FROM AMERICA.

City of Cork	Dec. 24	New-York	Liverpool
Cuba	Dec. 28	New-York	Liverpool
Kangaroo	Dec. 31	New-York	Liverpool
Iowa	Dec. 31	New-York	Liverpool
Erin	Dec. 31	New-York	Liverpool
Lafayette	Jan. 4	New-York	Havre
Africa	Jan. 4	Boston	Liverpool
Germania	Jan. 7	New-York	South'ton.
City of London	Jan. 7	New-York	Liverpool
Australasian	Jan. 11	New-York	Liverpool
Washington	Feb. 1	New-York	Havre

FROM EUROPE.

Louisiana	Dec. 6	Liverpool	New-York.
Kangaroo	Dec. 7	Liverpool	New-York.
North American	Dec. 8	Liverpool	Portland.
Africa	Dec. 10	Liverpool	Boston.
City of Doublin	Dec 10	Liverpool	New-York.
City of Manchester	Dec. 14	Liverpool	New-York.
Australasian	Dec. 17	Liverpool	New-York.
Asia	Dec. 24	Liverpool	Boston.
China	Dec. 31	Liverpool	New-York.

For New-Orleans, Havana, &c.

Havana	Dec. 24	New-York	Havana.
Liberty	Dec. 24	New-York	Havana.

For California.

North Star	Jan. 4	New-York	Aspinwall.
Costa Rica	Jan. 13	New-York	Aspinwall.

European Mails.

The mails for Europe by the *St. David*, via Portland, will close on Friday, at 1:30 P. M.

The mails for the United Kingdom and the Continent, by the *City of Cork*, will close on Saturday, at 10:30 A. M.

The Mails for Havana.

The mails for Havana, by the *Liberty*, will close on Saturday at 2 P. M.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

East Mails close at	5:30 A. M., 1:30 and 6:15 P. M.
Western and Southwestern Mails	5 A. M. and 4:15 P. M.
Long Island	5 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Newport and Fall River	3:00 P. M.
New-York Central Railroad	3 P. M.
North Mails	5 A. M. and 3:45 P. M.
North Mail, Way	5:00 A. M. and 2 P. M.
South Mail at	5 A. M., 4:30, 6 and 10:30 P. M.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
No. 4 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1864.

Sealed proposals (in triplicate) will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock P. M. on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, for furnishing for issue to the United States Army, DESICCATED POTATOES for six months, at the rate of one hundred thousand pounds per month, first delivery to be completed Jan. 20, 1865.

The desiccated potatoes must be manufactured exclusively from sound potatoes of the best varities, and without admixture of any other ingredients, to be in all particulars sound and free from sourness or unpleasant flavor, to be ground to the fineness of coarse meal, and packed in air-tight tin or zinc boxes, containing sixty pounds net, these to be packed in strong, well-made and strapped wooden boxes, two in each, with sunken and battened ends, like sample packages to be seen at this office.

Proposers will state where their manufactories are located, and will briefly describe their method of granulating and desiccation, stating also the average time required for the several processes of manufacture. The deliveries are to be made monthly, and free of expense to the United States, at the Subsistence Storehouse, No. 4 State-street, New-York, or at such other points in the City of New-York as may be designated by the proper authority.

Each proposer is required to furnish a sample of not less than three hundred and sixty pounds of his own manufacture, packed as above.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guaranty of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby agree that should the above bid be accepted, we will give our bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars that the contract shall be fulfilled."

The ability of the sureties to respond in the sum of ten thousand dollars must be certified by the U. S. District-Attorney or other proper officer; such certificate to accompany the proposal.

Payment will be made in currency, or its equivalent, as soon as funds are received for the purpose.

Blanks for Proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

H. F. CLARKE,
Colonel, A. D. C. and C. S.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1864.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this office until 12 o'clock M., SATURDAY, Dec. 31, 1864, from dealers, for such of the following articles as they can furnish for the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army:

64 Bowling or Low Moor Tyre to bore 56 inches.
8 Bowling or Low Moor Tyre to bore 55¼ inches.
8 Bowling or Low Moor Tyre to bore 49¼ inches.
82 Bowling or Low Moor Tyre to bore 57 inches.
4 Bowling or Low Moor Tyre to bore 47¾ inches.

The above to be flanged, and 2¾ to 3 inches thick.

Proposals will be considered for Tyres made by other manufacturers, if equally serviceable.

10 kegs each hot pressed Square Nuts, ½ and ⅝ inch.
36 Parallel Bench Vises.
800 lbs. Borax, 25 bbls. Coal Oil.
12,000 Hickory Pick Handles.
10,000 Hickory Spike Maul Handles.
50 Pigs Lead, 50 Pigs Babbitt.
25 Slabs Zinc, 25,000 feet Safety Fuse.
100 doz. Ames' No. 2 Shovels, or an article equally good.
20 reams Emery Cloth, each 0, ½, 1, 1½, 2;
20 reams Emery Paper, each 0, ½, 1, 1½, 2;
2 barrels best Copal Varnish;
5 barrels Mineral Paint (in oil.)

When samples are furnished they must have the name of the bidder upon them, and be numbered to correspond with the bids.

The articles bid for and time of delivery must be stated, and each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible sureties, guaranteeing over their own signatures that the bidder will enter into bond for the fulfillment of his contract, should one be awarded him.

Bids will be opened at the time above specified, and bidders are invited to be present.

The right is reserved to reject any bid deemed unreasonable.

By order of Col. WM. W. McKIM, Chief Quartermaster Cincinnati Depot.

A. J. PHELPS,
Captain and A. Q. M.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, FORAGE DEPARTMENT, No. 65 CEDAR-ST.,
New-York City, Dec. 20, 1864.

PROPOSITIONS WILL BE RECEIVED daily for the FREIGHTING OF FORAGE, for the United States Quartermaster's Department, from New-York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Portland and other ports on the coast of Maine,

TO

Washington, Alexandria, Va.; Newbern, N. C.; Port Royal, S. C.; Savannah, Ga., and New-Orleans, La.

PROPOSITIONS

must state name, standing and capacity of vessel, quantity of hay and grain, respectively, they will require, and when ready for cargo, and addressed to

E. D. CHAPMAN,
Captain and Assistant Quartermaster.

PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,
WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 19, 1864.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 1 o'clock P. M. on Thursday, the 29th day of December, 1864, for supplying the Light-house Establishment with thirty thousand gallons of the best quality pure winter-strained lard oil, and twenty thousand gallons of the best quality pure winter-strained sperm oil, to be divided into four lots, and to be delivered at the times under-mentioned, alongside of the Government supply vessels, or at the warehouse or other place of deposit, to be designated by the Inspecting Officer or other authorized agent of the Light-house Board, in strong, tight iron-bound, well-made casks, suitable for shipping, in good order, of a capacity, each, of from fifty to eighty gallons—not to exceed the latter. The lard oil may be delivered at Boston or New-York.

Either lot of sperm oil, or both of them, may be delivered at New-York, New-London, Sag Harbor, Boston, New-Bedford, Edgartown, or Nantucket, at the option of the bidders. The place of delivery in each case must be distinctly stated in the bids, and will be embraced in the contracts.

The four lots will be delivered as follows, viz.:

Lot No. 1. Ten thousand (10,000) gallons sperm oil on the 5th day of April, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 2. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons lard oil on the 15th day of April, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 3. Ten thousand (10,000) gallons sperm oil on the 1st day of June, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 4. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons lard oil on the 1st day of August, 1865, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

No bid will be considered unless from a manufacturer of the article.

No part of the oil proposed for and to be embraced in the contracts under this advertisement will be accepted, received, or paid for, until it shall have been proved, to the entire satisfaction of the person or persons charged with its examination, test, and inspection, to be of the best quality pure winter-strained or bagged oil, and free from mixture with other or inferior oils and adulterations.

The usual means for determining the character and quality of the sperm oil will be employed, viz.: specific gravity, burning, the amount of residuum, and any other proper tests to arrive at correct conclusions that may be deemed necessary.

The lard oil will be subjected to special tests, and will be rejected unless found to be, in regard to burning and fluidity under reduction of temperature, and in every other respect, equal to that of the standard adopted by the board, of which a sample will be furnished on application to the Light-house Engineer at Boston, Mass.

The casks must be gauged under the direction and personal supervision of the inspecting officer, by a custom-house or other legally authorized and sworn gauger, according to the United States standard, and must be marked and accepted before they are removed from the cellar or warehouse of the contractor. The temperature of the oil will be accurately noted, and the measurements reduced to the standard temperature of 60° Fahrenheit by tables prepared for the purpose.

Proposals will be received and considered for each lot separately, or for all of the lots, at the option of the bidder; but no bid will be considered for a less quantity than that specified as one lot, to be delivered at one time and place. Each bid must state explicitly the rate per gallon, in writing, the number of the lot or lots bid for, and the time and place of delivery, conforming to this advertisement.

Bids submitted by different members of the same firm or copartnership, will not be considered.

The Light-house Board, under the authority of the Department, reserves the right to reject any bid, although it may be the lowest, for other considerations than the price.

No bid will be considered for any other kind or description of oil than those specially called for in this advertisement.

A bond, with security to the satisfaction of the Department, in a penalty equal to one-fourth of the amount of each contract made under these proposals, will be required of each contractor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract, to be executed within ten days after the acceptance of the bid.

Each offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, and known to the Department as such, or certified by a United States District Judge, Attorney, Navy Agent, or Collector of the customs, to the effect that, if the bid be accepted, the bidder will duly execute a contract in good faith, according to the provisions and terms of this advertisement, within ten days after acceptance; and that in case the said party offering shall fail to enter into the contract as aforesaid, he or they guarantee to make good the difference between the offer of the said party and the next lowest bidder. All bids must be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Oil for Lighthouses," and then placed in another envelope, and directed, prepaid, to the Secretary of the Lighthouse Board, Washington City.

All bids will be opened, publicly, at the hour and on the day specified.

Payments will be made for the several lots of oil within thirty days after they shall have been received by the United States.

By order of the Lighthouse Board.
ANDREW A. HARWOOD, Secretary.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF
ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
No. 4 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1864.

Sealed proposals (in duplicate) will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock, M., on Tuesday, the 27th instant, for supplying, for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz.:

1,000,000 pounds of first quality PILOT BREAD, to be made of good sound Extra Ohio or other equally good *side-branded* flour; crackers to be thoroughly baked and perfectly dried before being packed, and in size, thickness, openness, &c., to conform to standard heretofore established; to be packed in boxes of 50 pounds bread to each box; boxes to be made of fully-seasoned wood, of such kinds as will impart no taste or odor to the bread; bottom and top of single pieces, or if of two pieces, tongued and grooved together. Boxes to be strapped with light straps of suitable wood. The Flour and Bread will also be examined by the Inspector, who will reject all that in the quality of the flour, or in any other respect, is inferior to the standard samples. Bidders to state the location of their bakeries, when they can begin their deliveries, and how much bread they can deliver daily.

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposal must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guarantee of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly filled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of one-fourth of the value of the stores proposed to be furnished, shall be executed if required."

The seller's name, place of business, and date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with net weight, and shipping marks, to be hereafter designated, must be plainly marked on every package. All boxes to be strapped with green hickory straps.

Payment will be made in currency or its equivalent, as soon as funds are received for that purpose.

Contractors are expected to hold their goods, without expense to the United States, until required for shipment.

Blanks for Proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

H. F. CLARKE,
Colonel, A. D. C. and C. S.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until o'clock M., on SATURDAY, the 24th inst., for furnishing by contract, at the Depot of Army Clothing and Equipage in this city,

ARTILLERY UNIFORM COATS,

to be made of material equal to, and like the standard sample in this office, but bidders should present a sample of the cloth of which they propose to make the coats. All articles must be packed in regulation boxes, and delivered at the depot free of charge.

Bonds will be required for the faithful performance of a contract. The United States reserves the right to reject all bids deemed objectionable.

Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for furnishing artillery uniform coats," and addressed to

Brevet Brig.-Gen. D. H. VINTON,
Deputy Quartermaster-General.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE UNITED STATES ARMY,
No. 17 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 12 M. of TUESDAY, Dec. 27, for the following articles, viz:

Best English refined Flat Iron, assorted, from 7x¼ to 2x1 inch, per ton of 2,240 lbs.
Round Iron, ¾, 1¾, 2 and 2¼ inch, per ton.
Square Iron, ⅝ and ⅜ inch, per ton.
Boiler Iron, 5-16 inch, per ton.
Sheet Iron, No. 26, "best bloom," per ton.
Best Oak-tanned Bridle Leather, from 9 to 11 lbs. per side, per lb.
Best Oak-tanned Harness Leather, from 12 to 15 lbs. per side, per lb.
Russet Leather, per lb.
Sole Leather, oak tanned, per lb.
Oil-tanned Leather, per lb.
Horse-shoe Nails, Nos. 6, 7 and 8, per lb.
Cast Steel, ⅜x⅜ to 2⅛x⅜, per lb.
Cast Steel, square, ⅜ and 2¼, per lb.
Cast Steel, octagon, 1¼, per lb.

Parties will please name in their proposals the length of time required to furnish the articles they offer, and will be expected to deliver at place of shipment in New-York whatever is awarded to them, free of charge to the United States. Payment will be made in such funds as are provided by Government. The right is reserved of rejecting any proposal not deemed advantageous to the United States. Offerings should be indorsed "Proposals for Quartermaster's Stores," and addressed

Brevet Brig.-Gen. STEWART VAN VLIET,
Quartermaster U. S. Army.

DRY GOODS.

NOTICE, NOTIZ, AVIS, NOTICIA.
858 BROADWAY. 858
FOUNTAIN'S INDIA STORE.
INDIA GOODS, DRY GOODS,
NOVELTIES, CURIOSITIES,
FANCY ARTICLES, ETC.
DESIRABLE PRESENTS
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
858 BROADWAY. 858

N. B.—The store will be open evenings to Jan. 1.

AT DE PERCEVAL'S, NO. 657 BROADWAY—All kinds of Children's Cloaks and Suits, Dresses, Blankets, Basques, Corsets, Chemises, Infant's Waists, Aprons, Bibs, Baskets, &c.

Ladies' Embroidered Chemises, Nightgowns, Yokes, Ladies' ready-made Under Garments, Fluted Hdkfs. Initials and Coats of Arms embroidered on Handkerchiefs, Table Linen and Bed Clothes.

Braiding, Cotton and Silk Embroideries made to order. Stamping for Embroideries executed perfectly.

DRESS TRIMMINGS.—NEW STYLES IN cloaks and dress ornaments, just received from Paris. Also, wide belting and buckles, velvet ribbons and trimming ribbons, black laces, Shetland and barege veils. N. B.—French corsets at reduced prices. At ELGER'S, Nos. 880 and 882 Broadway, 19th-st., east side.

DRY GOODS.

POPULAR GOODS
AT
POPULAR PRICES
FOR THE
HOLIDAY SEASON.

ELEGANT DRESS SHIRTS.
With French Embroidered Bosoms.

THREE AND FOUR PLY LINEN COLLARS,
Holiday Styles now ready.

SILK, WOOL, MERINO AND COTTON
Undershirts and Drawers.

GAUNTLETS AND GLOVES,
New and Popular Styles.

ROBES DE CHAMBRE,
Elegant and New Styles.

UNION RIDING-BELTS,
For Equestrians' Use.

ROMAN SCARFS AND SHAWLS,
New and Elegant Styles.

LADIES' AND MISSES' GAITERS,
Velvet, Cloth and Knitted.

KNIT HOODS, SONTAGS AND CAPS,
Fashionable Colors and Styles.

RINGWOOD GLOVES,
White and Colored.

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS,
For Traveling.

SUSPENDERS,

UMBRELLAS,

&c., &c.

A large and elegant variety of the above goods, entirely new and choice styles, many of them manufactured on the premises, and not to be had elsewhere, will be found at popular prices at

UNION ADAMS',
No. 657 Broadway, New-York City.

GREAT REDUCTION IN DRY GOODS
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
STRANG & ADRIANCE,
NO. 355 BROADWAY,
(Between Leonard and Franklin sts.)

Are now offering their large stock of DRESS GOODS, bought principally at auction, at a great sacrifice on the cost of importation—consisting in part of

SILKS, in great variety,
OTTOMAN VELOURS,
EMPRESS CLOTHS,
IRISH POPLINS, PLAID POPLINS,
MERINOES, VALENCIAS,
WOOL PLAIDS,
PRINTED DELAINES,
FRENCH AND AMERICAN PRINTS,

Also, the largest assortment of fine quality

KID GLOVES,

At half the cost of importation, having purchased at auction the entire stock of several importers.

Fine quality LADIES' UNDRESSED KID GLOVES at $1, worth $1 75.
MANCHETTE KID GLOVES at $1 25, worth $2 25.
MANCHETTE WHITE, BLACK and assorted colors.
EVENING WHITE AND BLACK, $1 50, worth $2 50.
WOOL GLOVES AND GAUNTLETS for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children, at half price.
GENTLEMEN'S KIDS in White and assorted colors, at $1 50, worth $2 50.

ALSO,

HOSIERY, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, HANDKERCHIEFS AND SCARFS at low prices.

Also, will put up several thousand

DRESS PATTERNS,

With prices marked in plain figures, on separate counters, for the convenience of customers.

SHAWLS

In every variety of quality and price.

VELVET, SILK AND CLOTH CLOAKS
Of the newest and most fashionable styles,
CLOAKS MADE TO ORDER.

GREAT ANNUAL REDUCTION
DURING THE HOLIDAYS
IN
LADIES' CLOAKS, SACQUES, BASQUES AND CIRCULARS,
AT
GEO. CAREY'S,
No. 475 BROADWAY,
and Nos. 304 and 306 CANAL-ST.

The PUBLIC are RESPECTFULLY INFORMED that they have now an OPPORTUNITY OF PURCHASING WINTER GARMENTS at such REDUCED PRICES that the most skeptical cannot fail to discover that they are the CHEAPEST AND BEST CLOAKS IN THE CITY.

AT GEORGE KEYES,
NO. 343 EIGHTH-AVENUE.

New Silks for the Holidays.
New Cloaks for the Holidays.
New Shawls for the Holidays.
New French Merinos for the Holidays.
New Poplins and Ottomans for the Holidays.
New Dress Goods for the Holidays.
New Delaines and Prints for the Holidays.
New Lace Curtains for the Holidays.
New Carpets for the Holidays.
All from the late auction sales, at low prices.

DAMASK CLOTHS
AND
NAPKINS,

to match all the different sizes, suitable for "Dinners" and "Suppers," of the best qualities and the newest patterns. Also, Doyles, Lunch Cloths and Napkins, Chocolate Napkins, fine Bed Linens and Towels, in great variety, just opened for the coming Holidays. Persons wishing to make presents in the above line of goods, will find it to their advantage to examine our stock.

PATON & CO.,
No. 341 Broadway.

FLOOR LINENS.

All widths, suitable for dancing cloths, made and put down, if required.

PATON & CO.,
No. 341 Broadway.

PATON & CO.,
No. 341 Broadway,

will offer on MONDAY, Dec. 5, their large and finely-assorted stock of

PIANO AND TABLE COVERS,

to which they have just received large additions of the newest and richest styles in tapestry, velvet, embroidered, printed and damask, suitable for the approaching holidays.

LACE CURTAINS.

New designs, just received.

PATON & CO.,
No. 341 Broadway.

MACHINE NEEDLES.
HAND NEEDLES.
BARTLETT'S Needle Factory, No. 442 Broadway.
HACKLE PINS,
GILL PINS, &c., &c.

BEADS! BEADS!! BEADS!!!
AND FANCY GOODS.
M. P. BROWN, Importer,
No. 186 Pearl-st., New-York.

AMERICAN
SPOOL COTTON,
PORTSMOUTH SPOOL COTTON,
the only six-cord cotton manufactured in America.
Warranted equal in every respect to any foreign make.
For sale by FRIEND PITTS,
No. 769 Broadway, corner 9th-st.,
New-York.

LACE CURTAINS
New Persian Styles, Just Received.
G. L. & J. B. KELTY, No. 359 Broadway.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We shall offer, at greatly reduced prices, on MONDAY, Dec. 5, our large stock of

CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS,

consisting of all sizes ladies', gent's and children's tape-bordered, hemstitched, printed, and embroidered, and of the newest and best styles, in great variety.

PATON & CO.,
No. 341 Broadway.

DRY GOODS.

R. H. MACY.
TO-DAY IS HIS CLEARING SALE OF
CHRISTMAS AND
NEW-YEAR'S GOODS.
R. H. MACY,
Nos. 204 and 206 6th-av., near 14th-st.

MILLINERY.

FRENCH MILLINERY BELOW COST—Mrs. DAVIDSON, No. 38 University-place, respectfully informs ladies preparing for the holidays, that, in order to close the business of the season, she now offers her rich selection of Visiting and Reception bonnets at prices much below cost.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

HOWARD MISSION AND HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS, 37 New-Bowery, near Chatham-square, Rev. W. C. VAN METER, Superintendent.—Five hundred and twenty-nine children are at our table. Exercises appropriate to Christmas will be held on SABBATH P. M., at 2 o'clock. Mr. VAN METER will address a meeting in behalf of the mission, on SABBATH MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, in the Baptist Church, 28th-st., between 6th-av. and Broadway, and at 7½ o'clock, in the Bethesda Baptist Church, 33d-st., near 8th-av. Several interesting children from the mission will be present, and sing some of their sweetest songs.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, No. 155 Worth-st. The kind church which has for so many years provided a feast and tree at Christmas for the children at the House of Industry, repeat it this year. On MONDAY, at 11½ A.M., there will be services in the new chapel, consisting in part of Christmas Carols, physical exercises, with short addresses. At 2 o'clock the children will dine in the large hall, where there will be ample room for a thousand spectators. Immediately after dinner the gifts will be distributed from the tree.

S. B. HALLIDAY, Supt.

NEW YORK PORT SOCIETY'S MARINER'S CHURCHES.—Preaching on SABBATH, 25th inst., by the Pastor, Rev. E. D. MURPHY, corner of Catherine and Madison sts., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Also, corner of Madison and Gouverneur sts., by the Pastor, Rev. A. G. CHAMBERS, at 10½ A. M. and 3½ P. M., and preaching corner Dover and Water streets, at 3 P. M. Seamen and friends cordially invited. Seats free.

TO BIBLE STUDENTS.—A COURSE OF LECTURES on the historic phases of *The Kingdom of Heaven, or the Successive Aspects of the History of Christendom*, will be given, the Lord willing, by WILLIAM MORRIS, of Philadelphia, at the University Buildings, Washington-square, New-York. The first lecture will be delivered on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at half past 3 o'clock; the second on Tuesday, and third on Thursday evenings, at 8 o'clock. Subsequent lectures will be announced. Admission free.

SEVENTH-ST. M. E. CHURCH, BETWEEN 2d and 3d avs., Christmas anniversary; early prayer meeting at 6 o'clock A. M.; Christmas sermon to the children at 10½ o'clock A. M. The Badeau Temperance Society of the Sunday school will be addressed by Rev. L. H. KING, and at 7 o'clock P. M. the Pastor, Rev. F. BOTTOME, will preach a sermon to the young, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Church. Seats free.

FAREWELL MISSIONARY MEETING—A meeting, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, will be held on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in Mr. GANSE'S Church, 23d-st., between 6th and 7th avs., to take leave of missionaries about to sail for Amoy, China. Rev. Dr. DE WITT will preside. Addresses may be expected from the missionaries, Rev. JOHN V. N. TALMAGE and J. HOWARD VAN DOREN, and from Rev. H. D. GANSE.

ADVENT SERMONS.—PROF. MATTISON, IS to preach ON SUNDAY, on "The Two Advents," at 10½ A. M., on "*The True Significance of the Birth of Christ*," and at 7½ P. M., on "*The First and Second Advents Contrasted.*" The FAIR AND FESTIVAL in the church, 4th-st., near 6th-av., will close THIS EVENING. Don't fail to give them a call and help on a good object.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, HAMMOND-ST., corner Waverley-place. Rev. JOHN A. ASPINWALL, Rector of Christ Church, Bay Ridge, will preach SUNDAY (Christmas) EVENING. Services at 10½, 3½, and 7½ o'clock. Free seats. The Ninth Anniversary of the Sunday School will be held in the Church on MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 26, at 7 o'clock.

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. WM. ADAMS, D.D., will preach by request of the Association, in the Mercer-st. Presbyterian Church, (Rev. R. R. BOOTH'S,) near Clinton-place, on SUNDAY EVENING at 7½ o'clock. The public are invited.

RECTOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE Holy Trinity, Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, Jr., will preach in the Unitarian Church, 40th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs., on next and every SUNDAY EVENING at 7½ o'clock. Morning and evening services, with sermons, are held in the Rutgers Institute Chapel, 5th-av., between 41st and 42d sts., at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M.

THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL of the South Dutch Church will be celebrated in the church, corner 5th-av. and 21st-st., on SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. WM. E. DODGE, Jr., and the Pastor, Rev. E. P. ROGERS, D. D. Appropriate pieces of music will be sung by the school. Exercises to commence at 3 o'clock.

BELIEVERS IN THE SECOND COMING of Christ and future "life for the righteous," only worship at Botanic Hall, No. 68 East Broadway. Preaching on SUNDAY, by Elder S. W. BISHOP, at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M. Subject afternoon—*Future Punishment.* All are cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

ST. CLEMENT'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Amity-st., near Macdougal. Divine service every SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P.M. The Sexton will be at the Church every WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, from 9 to 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of renting pews or seats.

THIRTY-SEVENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH—Between 2d and 3d avs.—Rev. W. H. BOOLE, Pastor, will preach at 10½ A. M. and 7 P. M. Subject of morning discourse: "*And His Name Shall be Called Wonderful.*" Prayer meeting at 6 P. M. The Sunday School Exhibition will take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, at 7½ P. M.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST, (EPISCOPAL,) Lexington-av., corner 35th-st., CHRISTMAS DAY. Rev. CORNELIUS R. DUFFIE, Rector, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING and EVENING. Services at 10½ and 7 o'clock. The anniversary of the Sunday School will be held in the EVENING, when books will be given to the children. On this occasion, seats free.

THE CHAPEL CONNECTED WITH THE Collegiate Reform Protestant Dutch Church, in 48th-st., near 5th-av., will be opened for Divine Service on SUNDAY MORNING, 25th Dec., at 10½ o'clock A. M., and 3 P. M. Opening service to be conducted by Rev. Dr VERMILYE, one of the Pastors.

AMITY-ST. BAPTIST CHURCH—REV WM. R. WILLIAMS, D. D., Pastor. The Sabbath services of this church will be held regularly hereafter in the rooms of the New-York Young Men's Christian Association, Mortimer's Building, corner of 5th-av. and 22d-st., at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M.

THE LEARNED RABBI AND THE RUINED SINNER; or, Regeneration is Actual, not Metaphoric—WILLIAM MORRIS, of Philadelphia, will, the Lord willing, preach on the above subject on SUNDAY EVENING, the 25th inst., at 7½ o'clock, in the University Buildings, Washington-square. Seats free.

ST. ANN'S FREE CHURCH—EIGHTEENTH-st., near 5th-av. On SUNDAY, Rev. E. BENJAMIN will preach at 7¼ A. M. and Rev. Dr GALLAUDET at 10½ A. M., 3 and 7½ P. M.,—the afternoon service for deaf mutes. It being Christmas Day, the communion will be administered at both the morning services.

CHURCH OF THE RECONCILIATION, in 31st-st., between 2d and 3d avs. Rev. B. S. HUNTINGTON, Rector.—Services morning and evening. The seats in this Church are free. Families in the vicinity, not otherwise provided with church accommodation, are respectfully invited to attend the services.

JOHN-ST. M. E. CHURCH.—REV. S. C. KELLER, Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., and at 7 P. M. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited to attend. Daily Union Prayer-meeting from 12 to 1 o'clock.

REV. THOS. ARMITAGE, D. D., WILL preach in the Elm-place Congregational Church, Brooklyn, on SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock; in the evening at 7½ o'clock, Rev. CHAS. S. ROBINSON.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES—9th-av. and 28th-st. Sunday evening services during the Winter at 7½ P. M. Seats free at these services. Sermon on CHRISTMAS EVENING: *The Word Taketh Flesh.*

REV. C. S PERKINS WILL PREACH IN the First F. W. Baptist Church, 28th-st., on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. The Christmas meeting of the Sabbath School will be held at 2 P. M. The friends are invited.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH—Attorney-st. Rev. WM. R. HAMMOND, Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and EVENING at 7 o'clock. Afternoon, at 3 o'clock, love feast. Seats free.

BAPTIST MARINERS' MISSION CHURCH.—Services on SUNDAY, (corner of Oliver and Henry sts.,) at 10½. J. M DAVIS preaches. At 3, Rev. Mr. FULLER, Pastor Cannon-st. Church; at 7½, Sabbath-school concert. All the seats are free.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.—PREACHING by the Pastor, Rev. R. J. W. BUCKLAND, at the Calvary Baptist Church, West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th avs., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., SUNDAY, the 25th inst.

ALL SAINTS' PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, corner Henry and Scammel sts., Rev S. J. CORNEILLE, Pastor. On CHRISTMAS (Sunday, Dec. 25,) there will be a service in this Church, at 10½ A. M. Strangers invited to attend.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Broome-st., two blocks east from Broadway. Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. JAMES B. DUNN, 10½ A. M. and 7½ Evening. Subject in continuation of the course—"*Christiana's Pilgrims.*"

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION—MADISON-av. and 35th-st. There will be divine service and sermon in the Church on Sunday evening, (CHRISTMAS DAY,) at 7½ o'clock. The childrens' Christmas tree will be lighted at 6 P. M., on Saturday evening.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—LEXINGTON-av. and East 30th-st. Hours of Service 10½ A.M. and 7½ P. M. The Rev. Dr. THEODORE IRVING, Rector-elect, will preach on both occasions.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY—No. 155 Worth-st.—The religious services of this institution will be held in their new Chapel, on SUNDAY, at 3 and 7 P. M. Singing by a choir of two hundred children.

REV. J. C. DUTCHER WILL PREACH SUNDAY, 25th inst., in the Dutch Reformed Church Market-st., corner of Henry, services commencing at 10½ in the morning and 7½ in the evening.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

TAKE NOTICE.—IMPORTANT.—"DO ALL Persons who Die in Infancy go to Heaven?"—Subject of Prof. SMITH'S sermon at Clinton Hall, under the Mercantile Library, Astor-place, near Broadway, at 7½ o'clock, on SUNDAY NIGHT, the 25th inst., (D. V.)

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL Church, corner of 4th-av. and 22d-st. Preaching in the morning by Rev. Dr. McCLINTOCK, and in the evening by Rev. Mr. OTHEMAN.

CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH—SIXTEENTH-st., between 6th and 7th avs. Rev WM. W. ANDREWS will preach, on SUNDAY EVENING, 25th inst., at 7½ o'clock.

CHRISTMAS AT MOUNT ZION.—BISHOP SNOW, of the Second Advent Church, will preach in Hope Chapel, No. 720 Broadway, on SUNDAY, at 3 P. M. Seats free. Subject—*Christ as He was, and is to Come.*

THE CHURCH OF THE NEW-JERUSALEM, on 35th-st., between 4th and Lexington avs., is open every SABBATH, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ o'clock P. M. Subject of lecture TO-MORROW EVENING—*The Incarnation; or the First Coming of the Lord.*

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL FREE CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, East 14th-st., between 3d and 4th avs. Rev R. G. DICKSON, Rector, Service at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.

CHRISTMAS.—REV. C. C. GOSS WILL LECTURE on *Why we should Keep Christmas, and How to Keep it*, SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in the Church in Grand-st., one block west of Broadway.

NOTICE.—REV. DR. SHEDD WILL PREACH IN the Presbyterian Church on University-place, (late Dr. POTTS',) SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock in the morning, and Rev. CHAUNCEY D. MURRY in the afternoon, at 3½.

NOTICE.—WASHINGTON HALL, CORNER OF 18th-st. and 8th-av. Preaching on SUNDAY, at 10½ and 3 o'clock, by Mr. WITTS, of Bridgworth, England.

EARLY CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT 6½ A. M., at Church of the Holy Innocents, in 37th-st., near Broadway.

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WE ARE REQUESTED TO SAY THAT in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the Ladies' Fair for the benefit of the Free Church of the Epiphany, in Stanton-st., will be continued on SATURDAY, of this week, until 10 o'clock in the evening.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination, by all persons interested, viz.:

1. Building sewer in Third-avenue, from Ninth to Tenth-street.
2. Building sewer in Third-avenue, from One Hundred and Eighth to One Hundred and Tenth-street.
3. Paving Thirty-second-street, from Sixth to Seventh-avenue, with trap-block.
4. Paving Forty-first-street, from Madison to Fifth-avenue, with trap-block.
5. Paving Forty-third-street, from Fifth to Sixth-avenue, with trap-block.
6. Laying cross-walks in Sixth-avenue, from Forty-seventh to Fifty-seventh-street.
7. Flagging in Broadway, from Fiftieth to Fifty-second-street.
8. Building sewer in Forty-third-street, from Eleventh to Twelfth-avenue.
9. Regulating and grading Eighty-Second-street, from First to Second-avenue.
10. Paving Sixtieth-street, from Broadway across Ninth-avenue, with trap block.
11. Building a Sewer in Oliver-street, from Chatham-square to Madison street.
12. Setting curb and gutter, and flagging Fortieth-street, from Fifth to Sixth-avenue.
13. Setting back curb and gutter in Marketfield-street.
14. Sixteenth-street, from Avenue B to East River, setting curb and gutter.
15. Building a sewer in First-avenue, from Fifty-eighth to Sixtieth-street, and in Fifty-ninth-street, from First to Second-avenue.
16. Setting curb and gutter, and flagging Forty-eighth-street, from Lexington to Sixth-avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessment, include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated as follows:

1. All the lots on the easterly side of Third-avenue, from Ninth to Tenth-street.
2. All the lots on Third-avenue and upon the intersecting streets, to the extent of one-half the blocks each side from One hundred and Eighth to One hundred and Eleventh-street.
3. All the lots on both sides of Thirty-second street, to the extent of half the block on the avenues from Sixth to Seventh-avenue.
4. All the lots on both sides of Forty-first street, from Madison to Fifth-avenue.
5. All the lots on both sides of Forty-third street from Fifth to Sixth-avenue.
6. All the lots in the westerly half of the blocks lying on the east side of Sixth-avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-eighth-street.
7. All the lots on both sides of Broadway from Fiftieth to Fifty-second-street.
8. All the lots on both sides of Forty-third street from Eleventh-avenue to Hudson River.
9. All the lots on both sides of Eighty-second-street from First to Second-avenue.
10. All the lots on both sides of Sixtieth-street, from Broadway to the middle of the block between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
11. All the lots on both sides of Oliver-street, from Chatham-square to Madison-street.
12. All the lots on both sides of Fortieth-street, from Fifth to Sixth-avenue.
13. All the lots on both sides Marketfield-street, from Broad to Whitehall-street.
14. All the lots on both sides of Sixteenth-street, from Avenue B to East River.
15. All the lots in block numbers 174 and 175; also all the lots fronting First-avenue, in block numbers 85 and 86.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-street, basement new court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice; and a hearing will be given to all such, on the 24th day of January next, at 12 o'clock at noon.

DANIEL E. DELAVAN,
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Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
New Court-house, Dec. 24, 1864.

THE COMMITTEE ON MARKETS OF the Board of Councilmen will meet every MONDAY, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 5 City Hall.

All parties interested in papers referred to the committee are invited to attend.

Councilman HAGERTY,
Councilman SCHAEFER,
Councilman COOK,
Committee on Markets.

THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS OF THE Board of Councilmen will hold a meeting in Room No. 5 City Hall, on every WEDNESDAY, at 1 o'clock P. M. Parties having business with the Committee are invited to attend.

PATRICK RUSSELL,
MICHAEL BROPHY,
WM. JOYCE,
Committee on Roads.

THE COMMITTEE ON CROTON AQUEDUCT of the Board of Councilmen will meet on SATURDAYS, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 5 City Hall.

All parties interested in papers referred to the committee are invited to attend.

Councilman HEALY,
Councilman HEFFERNAN,
Councilman FITZGERALD,
Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department.

THE COMMITTEE ON CLEANING STREETS of the Board of Councilmen will meet on MONDAYS, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 5 City Hall.

All parties interested in papers referred to the committee are invited to attend.

Councilman HAGERTY,
Councilman KOSTER,
Councilman HAVILAND,
Committee on Cleaning Streets.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS OF THE Board of Councilmen will meet on WEDNESDAYS, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 5 City Hall.

All parties interested in papers referred to the committee are invited to attend.

PATRICK H. KEENAN,
PATRICK RUSSELL,
MICHAEL BROPHY,
Committee on Streets.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Councilmen will meet every MONDAY, at 2 o'clock P. M. All parties having business with the Committee are invited to attend.

GEORGE McGRATH,
JEREMIAH HEFFERNAN,
CHARLES REILY,
Committee on Fire Department.

THE COMMITTEE ON SALARIES AND Offices of the Board of Councilmen, will meet every MONDAY, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

All parties having business before the Committee are requested to attend.

CHARLES RILEY,
MICHAEL C. GROSS,
JOHN BRICE,
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY-SEAT OF 50 acres near Elizabeth; an elegant place in Rahway; also at Morristown, Milburn, and 10 acres at Summit, only $3,000. Several choice farms in Somerset County, the garden of New-Jersey, from 10 acres to 200; 50, 80, 120 and 200 acres near Rhinebeck, the best farming section in New-York; a gem of a cottage, large grounds, well fruited, at Elizabeth, only $2,500. Substantial holiday gifts.

GEO. R. JAQUES, No. 151 Broadway.

FOR SALE.—NO. 9 EAST 19TH-ST., NEAR 5TH-av. and Broadway. The lot is 25 feet by half the block; the building is 3 stories in rear and 2 in front; is now a factory, with steam power; would be sold with or without the power; could be easily converted into a private or livery stable, with lofts above to let. Apply on the premises.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES AND farms, a great variety, beautifully situated, one hour from New-York, for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season or year, by HENRY B. BLACKWELL, No. 59 William-st., New-York, 9 to 11 A. M.; No. 49 Main-st., Orange, 1 to 5 P. M.

FOR SALE.—THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS his house, No. 13 West 37th-st., for sale, or exchange for a less expensive residence, in the city, or its vicinity; also a pair of valuable horses with a comfortable rockaway, harness, &c.; also his library, in lots to suit purchasers.

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FOR SALE—A NEW DOUBLE TENEMENT house, No. 679 3d-av.; rents for $2,556 per annum; also a brown-stone house, four stories; all will be sold cheap. Inquire of owner, JOHN GLASS, No. 880 2d-av.

FACTORY FOR SALE—IN NEWARK, NEW-Jersey, three-story brick, central, well lighted and suitable for manufactoring purposes. Apply to A. H. BROWN, No. 317 Broad-st., Newark, New-Jersey.

FOR SALE—THE ABINGDON PLANTATION, 540 acres, three miles from Washington, one mile front on the Potomac; a fortune to a man of enterprise.

JAQUES, No. 151 Broadway.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR BROOKlyn, Illinois or Iowa property, valuable property at Elizabeth, 12 miles from New-York; 37 trains per day.

GEO. R. JAQUES, No. 151 Broadway.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT ON 4TH-ST., Albion-place, 25x80 feet, 4-story, basement and under-cellar, built in the very best manner; lot 100 feet.

S. EDDY, No. 8 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—AT A SACRIFICE, A FINE HOUSE and lot on 126th-st.; good location, convenient to cars, must be sold. GEO. R. JAQUES, No. 151 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A TWELVE-HORSE STEAM-ENgine, and a lot of machinery, saw-tables, &c., all in running order. W. H. ANDERSON, Yonkers, N. Y.

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TO LET OR LEASE—THE HOUSE AND LOT No. 87 West 20th-st. To this house has been added a three-story extension, and finished throughout in the best style, and with all the modern improvements. On the alterations no money was spared to make it first-class, and it is well adapted for a large family or a genteel boarding-house. Can be seen from 12 to 2 o'clock. For further particulars, apply to B. BLANCO, No. 13 South William-st.

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E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

BOARD WANTED IN A PRIVATE FAMILY—A gentleman removing to the city, with his wife, child and nursemaid, desires board for the Winter with a private family of education and refinement, having a genteelly furnished house; location between 4th and 7th avs. preferred; the best of city references given and required. Address by letter, M. T., Box No. 171 New-York Post-office.

A YOUNG MAN AND WIFE WANT AN UNfurnished room, with board, in a private family, where there are no other boarders; good table indispensable; terms must not be more than $12 per week; reference given and required. Address, stating terms, location, &c., Box No. 5,358 Post-office.

BOARD.—TO LET AN ELIGIBLE APARTMENT in a very small unobtrusive family, with board, to an invalid, or lady expecting to require medical care, kindness and home attention. For location, terms, &c., apply to, or address Dr. THIERS, No. 1,217 Broadway. No children or boarders.

BOARDING—A PLEASANT FURNISHED ROOM, suitable for a single gentleman; house convenient to cars and stages; dinner at 6 o'clock. No. 34 West 29th-st.

BOARD WANTED—IN THE IMMEDIATE VIcinity of the Sixth National Bank, for a gentleman. Address J. D., No. 217 South 3d-st., Williamsburgh, with name and recommendations.

BOARD WANTED—FOR A GENTLEMAN AND wife, two children and nurse. Private family preferred. Must be in the vicinity of 4th or 5th av., and below 30th st. Address W. H. M., Box No. 1,500 Post-office.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.
FIFTH COLLECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW-YORK.
7th, 10th, 13th, and 14th Wards of the City of New-York.
SPECIAL INCOME TAX.

Notice is hereby given that the list of taxes assessed in accordance with the provisions of the joint resolution of Congress, approved July 4, 1864, imposing a special tax of five per centum upon the gains, profits or income for the year ending Dec. 31, 1863, has been returned by the Assessor of the Fifth Collection District of the State of New-York, to the Collector thereof, and that said taxes are now due and payable, and payment thereof is hereby demanded, and the said Collector will attend to receive the same at his office, No. 561 Broadway, in the City of New-York, daily, (Sundays excepted,) from the 21st day of December, 1864, A. D., to the 31st day of December, A. D., 1864, inclusive, between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M., and 3 o'clock P. M. A personal notice, by mailing, demanding payment within ten days from its service, will be mailed to the address of each person on the list, and all persons who shall neglect to pay the sums so demanded within the time specified in such special notice, will be liable to pay *ten per centum* additional upon the amount thereof, and also a fee of *twenty cents* each for the service of the said notice.

JOSEPH HOXIE,
Collector Fifth District, State of New-York.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1864.

N. B.—The above taxes may be paid immediately, if parties so desire.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

Paving Twenty-second-street, from Fifth to Sixth-avenue, with trap-block.

Paving Fortieth-street, from Ninth to Tenth-avenue, with trap-block.

Paving Forty-seventh-street, from Third-avenue to east side of First-avenue, with trap-block.

Paving William-street, from Fulton to John-street, with trap block.

Paving Forty-eighth-street, from Second to Third-avenue, with trap-block.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of Twenty-second-street, to the extent of half the block from Fifth to Sixth avenues.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Fortieth-street, to the extent of half the block from Ninth to Tenth avenues.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Forty-seventh-street, to the extent of half the block from Third-avenue to Avenue A.

Also, all the lots on both sides of William-street to the extent of half the block from Fulton to John streets.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Forty-eighth-street, to the extent of one-half the block from Second and Third avenues.

[This notice is a readvertisement of all the assessment lists herein referred to.]

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to one of the undersigned, at their office, number thirty-two Chambers-street, basement new Court House, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

DANIEL E. DELAVAN,
MORGAN L. HARRIS,
DANIEL D. CONOVER,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW-COURT HOUSE, Dec. 22, 1864.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, 32D DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW-YORK, 1ST, 2D AND 4TH WARDS CITY OF NEW-YORK, No. 130 BROADWAY.

SPECIAL INCOME TAX.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given, that the list of taxes assessed in accordance with the provisions of the joint resolution of Congress, approved July 4, 1864, imposing a special tax of five per centum upon the gains, profits or income for the year ending Dec. 31, 1863, has been returned to me by the Assessor of the District, and that said taxes are now due and payable, and payment thereof is hereby DEMANDED.

A personal notice by mailing, demanding payment within ten days from its service, will be mailed to the address of each person on the list who shall omit to pay such tax for more than ten days from the date hereof, for which a fee of twenty cents will be added. And all persons who shall neglect to pay the sum so demanded within the time specified in such special notice will be liable to pay *ten per centum* additional, and a fee of twenty cents each for the service of the notice. Office open from 10 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1864.

SHERIDAN SHOOK, Collector.

THE COMMITTEE ON DONATIONS AND Charities of the Board of Councilmen, will meet every SATURDAY, at 12 o'clock M., in Room No. 5 City Hall.

All parties having business before the Committee are requested to attend.

SAMUEL WEBSTER,
WM. S. OPDYKE,
JOHN BRICE,
Committee on Donations and Charities.

The New-York Times.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC—(To-day)—Don Sebastian. (Evening)—Presentation Concert.

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THEATRE FRANCAIS, (Niblo's Saloon)—Every Tuesday and Saturday Evenings.—Par Droite de Conquete.

CRAYON ART GALLERY—Paintings.

TURKISH HALL, 720 Broadway—Meddah.

CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS—Concert.

The List of Letters.

The list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Post-office, published officially in the columns of the NEW-YORK TIMES, can be consulted in the Business Office of the TIMES. It will be found upon a bulletin inside the building.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Richmond papers of Dec. 22 contain an official dispatch from Gen. BRAGG, at Wilmington, to JEFF. DAVIS, dated Fort Fisher, Dec. 21, in which he announces the arrival of PORTER'S fleet off New Inlet, but says the weather prevents operations. He adds that he can hold Wilmington. The rebel blockade-runner *Petrel* was recently driven ashore off Wilmington, and subsequently destroyed in a gale. She had a valuable cargo of arms and munitions of war for the rebels. Admiral PORTER says that within the last fifty days his squadron has captured and destroyed over $5,000,000 of rebel property in blockade-runners.

The latest reports from Gen. THOMAS' army, represent HOOD'S advance as having reached Pulaski on the retreat. Our special correspondent telegraphs from Nashville that the retreat of the rebel army from Franklin to Duck River beggars description. HOOD told his Corps Commanders to get off the best way they could. The rebel loss during the campaign is fully 17,000, including eighteen general officers killed, wounded and captured. Fifty-one guns have also been captured. HOOD'S pontoon bridge across the Tennessee, is above the shoals where our gunboats cannot reach it.

The Charleston *Courier* of the 16th inst. contains the following: The flag-of-truce boat brought up on Thursday 104 paroled Confederate officers from Fort Pulaski. The Yankee officers in the fleet report that SHERMAN and his staff have arrived at Hilton Head. It was also rumored that Savannah was to capitulate on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock noon.

Says the New-Orleans *Era* of the 14th inst.: "A gentleman called upon us yesterday who left Mobile on the 5th inst. and arrived here yesterday morning. He is an old resident of Mobile, and fully conversant with affairs in that place. The people are very gloomy and desperate, and two-thirds are longing for our forces to capture the city. There was much disappointment felt because the fleet did not push on to the city immediately after the capture of the forts. There are about seven thousand troops at Mobile, all militia excepting BAKER'S Brigade of Alabamians, numbering 500 or 600 men, and the Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry, of FORREST'S command. There are but two iron-clads, and neither of these of much use, owing to lack of propelling power. It is the firm belief of our informant that the defences of the city can be taken without much fighting by a land force; but he thinks gunboats would experience great difficulty from torpedoes. They can, however, get within shelling distance of the city.

GENERAL NEWS.

There was continued activity in Money in Wall-street up to 2 o'clock yesterday, and Government and Railroad Stocks were lower. After that hour, the demand for Governments improved, and the general market for Stocks was higher at the Second Board. The Gold Room 222⅞@220½ ⅌ cent., standing about 221 ⅌ cent. at 3 o'clock.

Transactions in Produce and Merchandise were generally limited yesterday. Flour, Grain, Whisky, Pork, Lard, Petroleum and Tallow were cheaper. The freight market was depressed.

The Board of Supervisors had no quorum yesterday and adjourned without date. The members were attending the funeral of the late AUGUSTUS PURDY, of the Street Department, which took place at 3 P. M. The board will meet specially at 3 P. M. on next Tuesday.

Mayor GUNTHER will close his office on Monday, in order that the attachés of the office may enjoy those festivities of Christmas, which could not properly be observed on Sunday.

The Brooklyn Common Council have voted to permit an increase of railroad fare from five to seven cents, tickets to be sold at sixteen for a dollar, and to be good on any road. This arrangement goes into effect on the 1st of January.

The shoulder-straps of a Rear-Admiral, by the present regulations of the navy, are decorated with an anchor in the centre and two stars at either end. The stripes upon the sleeves are eight in number. The straps for the Vice-Admiral will probably be decorated with an anchor and star in the centre, and a star in each end, and the sleeves with nine stripes. The cap front of a Rear-Admiral is decorated with two silver stars. The Vice-Admiral will probably wear three.

The taxes paid into the office of the Collector of Taxes of the city of Brooklyn since Nov. 1, 1864, is, in round numbers, two millions and five hundred thousand dollars.

The Memphis *Bulletin* says that the recent orders respecting the cotton trade has had a reviving effect on the business of that city, and that the cotton trade will be prosecuted energetically. The Government purchasing agent there has had $700,000 placed to his credit. Five hundred bales have already arrived by steamers from below, and larger amounts are awaiting shipment. There are large quantities beyond our lines awaiting the issue of necessary orders to bring it to Memphis.

Shortly before 11 o'clock last night, a fire broke out on the second floor of the five-story building No. 55 Beekman-street, occupied on the first floor by HALSEY & Co., auctioneers, and GLENN BROTHERS, importers of hardware, and on the other floors by Messrs. FOSTER & TOWER. This building and No. 57, also five stories in height, were entirely destroyed. Both of them extended through to Ann-street. The loss on stock and buildings will probably exceed $75,000. Several adjoining buildings were badly damaged. As we go to press the fire is progressing. About four years ago, the extensive paper manufactory of Mr. CYRUS W. FIELD, situated on the same lots, were destroyed by fire. The origin of this fire is unknown.

The New Draft—A Full and Quick Response.

The reëlection of President LINCOLN was not simply a declaration of sentiment. It was a pledge. The people affirmed not merely that the rebellion ought to be put down, but that it should be put down; and they bound themselves to supply President LINCOLN with the money and the men necessary to that end. His new call for three hundred thousand more men must be met with promptitude and cheerfulness.

A requisition of this magnitude, at just this time, was hardly anticipated. The half million draft in the Summer, it was hoped, would finish the war. So probably it would have done, had it actually yielded that number of soldiers. But the credits given for several enlistments, and for surpluses on previous calls, caused hardly more than half that number to be really raised; and even this accession was almost neutralized by the constant discharge of regiments whose terms of service had expired. The public mind, flushed by our signal successes during the last few months, and marking the many signs of desperation on the part of the rebels, had become pretty well persuaded that the war was near its end. Naturally the end was looked for without much pause to consider the efforts and sacrifices still necessary to secure it.

We are, indeed, fully warranted in believing that the rebellion is in its last stage. The fact that it has now but one army left of any strength at all formidable; that conscription has been exhausted, so that no new armies can be raised from the whites, and that the defensive capacities of the rebel forces actually in service have been greatly diminished by the destruction of their means of intercommunication, entitle us to conclude that the rebellion must soon be in an extremity. But it is when in an extremity that human powers often make their most powerful effort. Desperation finds new strength and new resources. We are now seeing this in the final resolution to arm the slaves. Nothing but the last necessity could have determined this. Yet, while we find this proof that the desperation which precedes the last quietus is already upon the rebellion, it should be remembered that this desperation must be guarded against and kept in hand. It will not do to assume that this resort, because it is a desperate one, can avail nothing. The Northern belief is, that the slaves will not, to any large extent, do effective service, as soldiers, to the Confederate cause. Probably they will not; yet possibly they may. Stranger things have happened in this war than that the Confederacy should, within six months, have one hundred thousand thoroughly equipped, well drilled and thoroughly serviceable black troops under its control. If we are determined to make an end of this rebellion at the earliest day possible, we must provide against that possibility. We must prepare to forestall it as much as possible, by doing our best, in the meantime, to get possession of rebel territory and strip it of its slaves, and then to keep our own armies so strong that they would quickly overpower all the reinforcements that were thus actually obtained by the rebels.

Of course no sane Northern man can suppose that black soldiers, impressed by the rebels, can secure rebel independence. The worst they can do, even if they fight as well as any of the rebels assert that they will, is to prolong the war. But that is precisely what the Northern people don't want done. We would endure the expenditure of treasure and blood for many years yet, sooner than let the nation be divided, yet it ought not to be endured for one day longer than is absolutely necessary. Every interest and every duty require the speediest termination of the war, compatible with the national security. Probably the Government already has soldiers enough in the field to get the mastery of the rebellion, sooner or later, whatever accessions the rebel armies may acquire from slaves converted into soldiers. This new draft may not be necessary to overthrow the rebellion, but it is necessary in order to hasten that overthrow. These three hundred thousand men, promptly supplied, will, in all likelihood, make a difference of one year, and perhaps two, in the duration of the war.

What, above all things, is needed, are one or two other independent armies like SHERMAN'S, that can march from important point to important point through the South at their own will, while the principal Confederate army is held fast in the grip of the Army of the Potomac. SHERMAN was less than a month in marching from Atlanta to Savannah, and the enemy were everywhere helpless before him. There is no reason why a similar army might not as easily march through any other part of the Confederacy, away from LEE'S lines in Virginia. Had we two other such armies now at the actual disposal of the Government, the last campaign of this war would be completed before the grass grows again. The only patch of the Confederacy left would be that held by LEE'S army.

The Southern people themselves would not be slow to see this. Nothing would so quickly bring them to despair as a prompt and full response by the North to this new call of President LINCOLN. Its moral effect, as a practical confirmation of the purpose expressed in the Presidential election, would tell immensely. Let every Northern community put their hands to this measure with a will. Proper effort and sacrifice now will save us from far greater hereafter.

VOLUNTEERING AND THE DRAFT.—Practically, volunteering may go on for seven weeks more, as if no draft had been ordered by the President, Provost-Marshal HAYS, speaking for the southern division of New-York, expresses the belief that these seven weeks supply abundant time for filling the quota within his jurisdiction by voluntary effort. It will not be creditable to us if this result is not reached. By the progress of our arms in the field, the term of active military service is reduced within a compass which any intelligent citizen may estimate for himself. The wealthy citizen, therefore, who may desire to be represented by a substitute, equally with the volunteer who offers to do duty on his own account, has an interest which he never had before in promptly proffering his services to the Government. The coming draft will not come into the reckoning at all with public-spirited citizens, either with the exempt or non-exempt class. To be "in at the death" will be from this hour forward the prime stimulus to volunteering. Before the 15th of February, the end of the rebellion will be in sight, if we do half our duty in response to the call of the Government.

A New Virtue in the Common Council.

The Common Council have at length awaked to the necessity of retrenchment. After having, during the past year, wasted and squandered money on a great variety of objects; after the voting $5,000 of the people's taxes to a purely sectarian institution, such as the College of "St. Francis Xavier;" after liberal gifts to all Roman Catholic charities, such as $30,000 to the "St. Joseph's Asylum," $15,000 to the "Society for Destitute Catholic Children," and within a few days $2,000 to a certain unknown Industrial School of a "Sister Theresa" in Forty-second-street; while just about to spend $3,000 on engrossing a copy of their own resolutions upon Archbishop HUGHES' death—they are suddenly brought to a fit of economy by a very simple proposal, coming from some of our best citizens.

A certain charitable association, to which we have had occasion to allude before as doing a most needed and beneficent work, comes before them to state that they are caring every year for about ten thousand of the homeless and vagrant children of the city; sheltering them in their lodging-houses, feeding and clothing them, and providing them with homes in kind-hearted families, thus saving immense sums to the city in the lessening of crime and pauperism, and in the direct care of these unfortunate creatures. This society—the *Children's Aid Society*—claims to be doing a public work, and to have a fair right to a certain support from the appropriations of the charity fund of the city. They ask but for five thousand dollars semi-annually, to be placed on the tax levy. If any charity could claim assistance from the city, this which saves our community from thieves and vagabonds, and converts them into honest men and women, certainly should have the first place. But the petition, though backed with the names of our largest taxpayers and most respectable citizens, is at once consigned to a committee for the purpose of burying it. Fortunately, the Chairman of the committee, one of our most respectable and active Councilmen, Mr. JAQUES, was determined that the public should know why this charity alone should be made the exception by the Common Council, after giving such large sums to Roman Catholic institutions—this being preëminently a non-sectarian and purely humane institution—and the matter is still to be discussed in the general Board.

One would suppose that any assembly of men who meet each day the ragged crowd of little bootblacks and newsboys, and know something, from early experience, what the struggle against poverty is, would have a sympathy with any charity, so humane and practical as that which feeds and clothes and shelters these little Arabs of the streets. A charity, too, which in its economy and unostentatious practical methods of doing its work, challenges the respect of every right-thinking man. We trust that this whole method of our city legislature in distributing its donations, will be looked into closely by the Legislature. If Roman Catholic Asylums and Jesuit Colleges are alone to share in the charity-donations, raised by city taxes, toward which the Protestant community pay nine-tenths of the amount, that body should know it, and act accordingly.

This journal, as our readers will all admit, has never encouraged any sectarian feeling toward Roman Catholics or those of any other faith. We utterly object to public donations of the city toward any sectarian school or college—as much for an Episcopal or Methodist as a Catholic. But a charity clearing our streets of little paupers and future criminals has a decidedly different position. We shall always be rejoiced to see any economy on the part of our worthy rulers, but beginning by throwing overboard such charities as the Children's Aid Society does not strike us as the height of wisdom.

THE REBEL CREDIT ABROAD.—There are two or more rebel organs here that still affect to regard Gen. SHERMAN'S march through Georgia either as a retreat, or, at best, as a perfectly fruitless enterprise. The rebels in England take a less hopeful view of the matter. Before Gen. SHERMAN was known to have got so far as Milledgeville, the Confederate loan in London was "depressed" by reason of his progress. It seems, indeed, as if two or three additional organs may be needed here, before long, to sustain DAVIS' credit, although, it must be confessed, those we have in New-York now, work for their Southern masters like first-class plantation hands. If DAVIS could place the same reliance on his colored subjects at the South, as on his henchmen in New-York, he would arm them at once.

REBELS GETTING AT THE TRUTH—THE CHIVALRY OF SHERMAN'S ARMY.—We are glad to see that the rebels are beginning to take back the atrocious falsehoods which they have been putting forth broadcast about the conduct of SHERMAN'S army in its march through Georgia. It is true that the splendid condition and morale of that army at this day, and at the close of its long march, alone furnishes sufficient evidence that the rebel stories about their having behaved in a reckless manner were all false. Had our men acted in the way the rebels alleged, they would have reached Savannah a huge demoralized, unbridled, uncontrollable mob, instead of the compact, solid, harmonious, well-ordered army that they were. The rebels tried to fire the Southern heart by accusing our troops of every conceivable and inconceivable outrage—pillaging, ravaging, ravishing, murdering, insulting the living and despoiling the dead. The Richmond *Sentinel*, however, is now kind enough to begin by taking back one of the worst of these charges, and one which the rebel leaders evidently thought would have a tremendous effect in stirring up the Georgians—the charge that the tombs of their fathers were being desecrated by our soldiers. The *Sentinel* now says it has the information that the "dwelling-houses in Atlanta are in a much better condition than was anticipated—that the city park was not converted into a cemetery, as had been reported, *nor were the vaults in the cemetery desecrated*." We are glad that even at this late hour the rebels are beginning to tell the truth; by-and-bye they will doubtless be willing to concede what is the fact—that there never was a military march conducted more purely on strictly military principles, or one in which as great regard was had to the principles of civilization and order, or one in which as great kindness or as true chivalry was exhibited for the population amid which the march was made.

CHRISTMAS.

The Holiday Season in New-York—The Festivities and Ceremonies of the Day.

To-morrow is Christmas, the merriest of all holidays, the peculiar festival of Knickerbocker New-York, sacred to our patron saint, St. Nicholas, and to the beneficent deity of all good children, jolly old Santa Claus. To most of our readers the stocking in the chimney corner may be a vision of childhood, and the mythical saint with his sleigh full of toys, a scarce remembered legend; yet, none the less welcome now to both old and young, is the pleasant Christmas festival which commences on morrow, for the holly bough and the evergreens that decorate the hall are not fresher than the delights of the time-honored day. Nature has donned her proper Christmas robes of white and

> "The sledges with the bells;
> Silver bell,"

furnish the merry music so appropriate to the season; the considerate kindness of Jack Frost has covered our lakes and ponds with a firm glassy flooring, very inviting to the lovers of good skating, and the enterprise of the metropolis has given to sleighers and skaters the Central Park, where both can indulge in their favorite sport. A walk through Broadway or the Bowery at this time would not convey to a stranger the idea that we were a people impoverished by an exhausted war, overburdened with taxes and oppressed with woe. Gaily decorated shops, filled with articles of convenience and luxury, crowded with eager customers, attest the prosperity of the people. Never before has there been such a display on the part of the storekeepers, never so much lavishness on the part of purchasers. The inventive genius of two continents has been called upon to provide novelties for our citizens. The dry goods establishments offer the most costly laces, embroideries, shawls and fancy goods, and notwithstanding the high prices asked, their stores are overcrowded with customers. The great jewelry firm of TIFFANY & Co. and BALL, BLACK & Co. are now disposing of their large stock of beautiful and expensive wares with unexampled rapidity. The confectioners and fruiterers are reaping a harvest, and display an unusual variety of tempting sweets. A few years ago, the business of selling out flowers and bouquets was confined to one or two peripatetic venders of cheap trash; now we mention it as an evidence of growing taste. The florists have nearly thirty-five shops on Broadway, between the Fifth-avenue Hotel and Canal-street, and their show-windows are filled with a profusion of costly exotics. So far, then, from showing any symptoms of economy in their holiday expenditures, people seem bent on luxury and enjoyment at any price. The theatres this year have not provided any of the customary fairy spectacles, which are the delight of young folk, but content themselves with their usual bills. The toy-shops, however, make it up to the little ones, and furnish them with a "fairy spectacle." It is really worth the while of a child of the largest growth to look through these toy-shores. Dolls that babble papa and mamma are common, but hens that cackle and roosters that crow are among the novelties, and are only a specimen of the curious attractions in the toy-line.

THE CHURCHES.

As is usual on this occasion, the churches will be handsomely decorated, and in many of them the music will be of an appropriate character and especially fine. Old Trinity will usher in Christmas Eve with chimes and carols. At 2:30 this afternoon Mr. JAMES E. AYLIFFE will ring the following melodies:

No. 1—Rondo, with variations.
No. 2—Christmas Carol, "The Children in the Temple."
No. 3—Evening Bells.
No. 4—Christmas Carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night."
No. 5—Christmas Carol.
No. 6—Christmas Carol.

On Christmas day Mr. AYLIFFE will ring the following chimes:

No. 1—Ringing the changes on eight bells.
No. 2—Christmas Carol.
No. 3—Rondo, with variations.
No. 4—Christmas Carol.
No. 5—Christmas Carol.
No. 6—Vesper Hymn.

As the day comes on Sunday, there will be service in all the churches, but with the Catholic and Episcopal denominations the ceremonies will be suitable to festive time. It is generally considered that Monday will be observed as a holiday, and the banks, public offices, courts and most of the stores will be closed.

Enjoyment is the order of the day at the North, where, in spite of war, happiness and prosperity smile upon us: and even for the rebels we have good wishes, and sincerely hope that Gen. SHERMAN will capture the fifteen thousand half starved Confederates shut up in Savannah, and give them all a Christmas dinner.

THE SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS.

The Ladies visiting Committee of the New-York State Soldiers Home and Depot, Nos. 50 and 52 Howard-street, in this city, announce that they will provide a fine dinner for eight hundred soldiers and sailors on the coming Christmas Day, (Monday, Dec. 26, at 12 M., the necessary funds having been furnished by the Board of Brokers, and a number of our patriotic merchants. The institution has been handsomely and profusely decorated with banners and Christmas greens for the occasion. In the afternoon a grand musical performance, consisting of some of the most popular songs and choruses will be rendered before the soldiers, by a number of ladies and gentlemen who have volunteered for this purpose. This noble effort to add to the comfort and entertainment of those who have sacrificed so much for our sakes, is beyond all praise; and will some day have its reward. It reflects alike credit upon the energy and preserverance of the ladies, and upon the benevolence and patriotism of the Board of Brokers and merchants.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The second performance of "Fra Diavolo" last evening attracted an exceedingly brilliant audience. AUBER'S light and charming music, his easy command and use of complex dramatic situations, his remarkable facility of orchestral elaboration, and the close, short, spirited way in which he deals with the chorus—these are points that must speedily impress the public, and, in fact, have already done so. Although the applause last night missed several of the best numbers, it yet graced others that were deserving of it. Miss KELLOGG sang deliciously. The character of *Zerlina* could not be better rendered by any artist on this side of the Atlantic. Signor LOTTI dazzled his admirers with a new costume, and a more becoming and appropriate one than that which he wore on Wednesday night. He was much easier in the music, and in the terzetto of the first act especially was excellent. Signor BELLINI was, as heretofore, admirable. He has made a new part. The remaining characters, with the exception of *Lorenzo* by Signor LORINI, who was indisposed, were interpreted well, and the chorus and orchestra were very good.

To-day there will be a matinée, on which occasion "Don Sebastian" will be repeated for the last time. The extraordinary attendance last Saturday, and the many applications for a repetition, have induced Mr. MARETZEK to make this concession to his patrons. He could not have done better. If the weather is only decent the house will be crowded.

FAIRS.

Efforts for the Soldiers, the Churches and the Poor.

The ladies, as usual, active in every good work, are devoting their best energies, and improving the opportunities offered at these holiday times, to aid and assist the various objects and charities which present themselves to their notice, as being worthy of attention and deserving their support. Accordingly "Fairs," institutions ladies always very successfully conduct, are open and under headway in all the various portions of the city, and all of them seem to be very well patronized. The young gallants, urged on by the divinities they particularly adore, and anxious to do anything and everything to please them, seem to vie with each other as to which shall do most to support these particularly fascinating institutions. The objects of these fairs are all, of course, most worthy ones. Some for the relief of our brave soldiers in the field, to furnish them with the necessaries and sometimes with even the luxuries of a soldier's life, and to encourage them in the great work they have in hand; others to give relief to the widows and children of those who have fallen, nobly, on the battle-field, in the defence of the great principle of right, and others to furnish clothing and food for the poor, and libraries where the children of the poor may get knowledge without price and be encouraged to work and achieve for themselves positions in the world as honest, respected and trustworthy citizens. Among those well worthy of notice may be mentioned first:

THE LADIES' BAZAAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN THE FIFTY-FIRST-STREET HOSPITAL.

This fair, held in the Everett Rooms, corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth-street, is a very extensive one, and occupies two large rooms; one is used for a supper-room, and in the other is displayed the various beautiful and useful articles, manufactured by fair hands, and calculated to draw from the pockets of the masculines, both old and young, greenbacks in abundance. Mrs. Dr. VALENTINE MOTT has taken great interest in this movement, and has contributed some very beautiful and valuable paintings, her own productions. Mrs. VANDERPOOL, a lady well known for the untiring energy she has displayed in all efforts started for the relief of our soldiers, is also an active worker in this fair, and has assisted it greatly. The fair will be kept open until New-Year's Eve, and will then be closed with a grand entertainment. Another fair is held at the corner of Thirty-third-street and Eighth-avenue, for the purpose of raising funds for the

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH.

This fair will compare favorably with any other held in the city. It occupies three rooms, which, although not large, are so very beautifully arranged as to render them particularly attractive. In addition to the other curiosities is an exhibition room, where is exhibited, to the intense delight of the little folks, the Italian comic figures, patterned after the old-fashioned "Punch and Judy." Another attraction is the "Old Folks' Kitchen," bountifully provided with the good things of this life, and inhabited by as happy a pair of "old folk" as one could wish to see. This fair will close on Saturday next, when a grand sacred concert will be given at the church, corner of Thirty-first-street and Ninth-avenue. Another fair is held by the ladies of the

THIRD UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY,

corner of Bleecker and Downing streets. The fair is for the benefit of the society, and by it they hope to raise at least $1,000. The rooms are not large, but are excellently arranged, and for taste and beauty will compare favorably with any in the city. Thus far it has been very successful, and to Mrs. TAYLOR the credit of its success is principally due. Among the attractions here offered is an excellent table, furnished with all the rarities and luxuries of the season, which is well patronized. A very beautiful Afghan attracts much attention, as does also a little "miniature home," furnished and lighted, and appearing as comfortable as any home one could wish to occupy. This fair closes to-night. It is well worthy of a visit. Another noticeable fair is that of the

FIFTH-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH,

held in Sixth-avenue, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets. This fair, though not a large one, is a particularly attractive one, from the fact that all the articles displayed were selected rather for use than ornament. It is under the immediate direction of the Pastor, Rev. Dr. ARMITAGE, and is eminently successful. The ladies attending the tables evidently well understand their duties, and succeed in coaxing the dollars from the purses of their admirers in a manner truly wonderful to behold. Another extensive fair is that held by the ladies in aid of

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Extensive improvements have recently been made in this church, and this fair is started to aid in defraying the expenses. Rev. JAMES BRENNAN, its popular pastor, has worked steadily for its success, and it promises to meet the expectations of the most hopeful. Many beautiful and useful articles are here exhibited. The fair will close this evening.

Numerous other fairs have been held this week, among them one at Prof. MATTISON'S church in Forty-first-street near Eighth-avenue, and one held by the ladies of the Free Church of the Epiphany, for the benefit of said church, both of which were very successful.

The Grand Choral Festival at Trinity Church, December, 1864.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

On visiting the Cathedral Church, a few weeks ago, with some friends from abroad, I was surprised to find workmen engaged in making a large opening through the wall upon the northern side of the chancel. We speculated upon the matter, and, without violating the sanctity of the spot by idle questions, satisfied ourselves with the belief that we there saw preparations for a memorial window—a window for the mere admission of light being, from the nature of things, quite out of the question.

The stoppage of this mysterious mural chasm by a "new chancel organ"—not a window—was celebrated last week in Trinity Church by a great Choral Festival, extending over three days; for such was the occasion upon which the religious and—I may add—the fashionable world were favored by a rare treat of ecclesiastical music. Only two performances were originally intended and announced; but, to satisfy the hundreds who then failed to gain admittance, a repetition on Friday evening became necessary. And in this reiterated perfection it was my good fortune to hear the full programme.

This Choral Festival did not consist in the performance of a single oratorio, nor would the term sacred concert fully describe it. The whole arrangement was a novelty. The regular choir of the church—a chorus of one hundred male voices—and the full diapason of two organs, were responsive to the call of Dr. VINTON, illustrating, illuminating, emblazoning, as it were, his simple story of sacred music, from the rude days of Jubal to the present high refinement of the art.

Secure in an excellent position at 6 o'clock, our party had full time and opportunity to make observations before 8, the hour when the performance would commence. It was interesting to watch the white-robed choir-boys, as they fluttered to their niches, like doves to the cote; and the elder choristers, in the same demi-sacerdotal drapery, with solemn step and majestic mien, reproduced types of the apostolic age—for with these classic folds as a setting, their heads seemed to take on the mold of form and feature we see in the antique cameo and illuminated missal.

The venerable organist, S. P. TAYLOR, was reverently conducted to a seat not far from the new instrument. Finally, as the chimes aloft told the hour of eight, Dr. VINTON, and other clergy, entered from the vestry, and knelt at the altar. Then were the opening sentences of the Church service intoned, together with the Confession and the Lord's Prayer. Dr. CUTLER, the organist of Trinity Church, placed himself before the new organ, and the Rev. Dr. VINTON ascended the pulpit to commence his "Explanatory Lecture." He paused before taking up the silken thread upon which to string the gems of music. And as he did so, a scene met his vision, well suited to quicken his native enthusiasm, and to inspirit him for his grateful task. The chancel full of choristers—their faces all aglow with the glancing rays from massive candelabra, whose tiny tongues of flame seemed eager to join the universal song of praise—the fine old organ in the distance flashing back gleams of light from its lofty golden pipes, and the upturned faces of the vast multitude radiant with eager expectation.

Space will not permit me to give even a synopsis of Dr. VINTON'S instructive lecture. He first alluded to the music of the Jewish nation, both vocal and instrumental, in its earliest days, and quoted its frequent mention in Holy Writ. He adverted to the custom of singing psalms and hymns as adopted by our Saviour and his disciples. Noticed the style of music in the fourth century, the composition of the Gregorian Chant in the sixth century, by GREGORY I., when the art of singing in parts was still unknown.

The reverend speaker gave a history of the Church Organ from its first introduction in 670, through its material improvement in the fourteenth century, with a notice of the largest and most noted organs in the world. In America, as stated by him, the large organ of Trinity Church is second in size and power, only to the great Boston organ, newly built in that city.

Then came the first illustration, a Gregorian chant, "Cantate Domino Novem," given by all the voices on the melody, and without the organ, as in olden time. Next was a "German Chorale," as a specimen of the music of the German Lutheran Church. It was rendered in the German tongue, purely congregational in its manner, and accompanied by the organ, with interludes between the lines, and not between the verses. At this point, Dr. VINTON gave us a brief account of MARTIN LUTHER as a musician. And later in the evening LUTHER'S "Judgment Hymn" was sung by the full choir, accompanied by Mr. TAYLOR on the organ, when Dr. VINTON mentioned incidentally his hope that a national hymn might be adapted to the majestic measure of this melody.

Mr. TAYLOR, of whom mention has been made, is the oldest organist in this country, being now eighty-six years of age, and having begun his musical career, as a choir boy in England, seventy-seven years ago. He was appointed organist of Christ Church, New-York, in 1807, and was the first to introduce the chant to the American Church service. Fifty years ago oratorios were performed in St. Paul's Chapel under his direction, and venerable ladies were present this night who, in their youth, had enjoyed those rare performances.

This Choral Festival was under the able direction of Dr. CUTLER, who also not only accompanied the choristers alternately on one organ and the other, but enchanted all hearers by an original Fantasia, taking as a theme the favorite carol, "We three Kings of Orient are."

And MORGAN, the organist of Grace Church, developed by his skillful touch the sweetest tones of the instrument in one of WELY'S "Offertories."

I cannot command language to convey an idea of the entrancing effect of solos and trios, duets and quartets, from the oratorios of the grand old masters. Among the gems were the solo and chorus from the "Messiah"—"Oh, thou that tellest." And from the same oratorio—"I know that my Redeemer liveth," (which initial sentence was graven on HANDEL'S tomb in Westminster Abbey.) The "Total Eclipse," from HANDEL'S "Samson," was very affecting, as given by the sweet tenor voice of Mr. MAYER, and was the more touching because in it the great master had unconsciously foreshadowed his own benighted days.

"Sound an Alarm," from the "Judas Maccabeus," a most spirit-stirring war-song, is most singularly adapted to the sonorous tenor voice in which Mr. WEEKS rendered it with such thrilling effect. And the grand organ answered from afar, with a crash of warlike din—a mimic alarum, from which pealed forth the voice of "silver trumpet" and "clarion loud and clear."

Mr. G. E. AIKEN, with a bass voice of tremendous power, yet of melodious sweetness, sung an air from HAYDN'S "Creation." It was descriptive—quite as much in the music as in the words—of the first peopling of earth, air and water. The line, "By heavy beasts the ground was trod," was given in notes so low and deep, that the air and all our material surroundings vibrated and shuddered quite as much as did the new earth under burden of leviathan tread.

The "Angel Trio," from MENDELSSOHN'S "Elijah," was fitly sung by three boys, who needed only the wings—for their voices and faces were those of seraphim and cherubim.

Midway in the fragmental performance, the audience united with the full choir in the "Gloria in Excelsis." The effect was grand beyond conception—not only in volume of sound, but in the sight of that vast human sea, as it surged to the altar in one great wave of obedience at the words "Only begotten Son of Jesus Christ!"

To one who has never heard it, no words can convey an idea of the "Grand Hallujah Chorus," which concluded the entertainment.

When the Benediction was pronounced, the audience, taking the key-note, responded in one deep musical "Amen." And thus ended this "linked sweetness, long drawn out."

The Skating Yesterday.

On all the ponds, yesterday, the ice was in perfect condition, and the waspish temper of the atmosphere did not keep away the crowds who delight in the healthful, pleasant and exhilirating pastime. There was a general slipping of the people, and no slipping at all of the opportunity. The ice was as smooth as ice can be.

The Central Park Lake, and the Conservatory Pond especially, presented an animated and picturesque spectacle. Momus raised his shrine upon the frozen waters, and his steel-shod devotees paid willing worship. Among them were many graceful professors of podography, whose movements were the "poetry of motion;" and there were hundreds of novitiates in the art of feet-writing, whose awkward attempts to make, as it were, the initial pot-hooks and hangers, resulted in ludicrous and mirth-provoking scenes. But the mass of the sportive throng cut their characters, in bold and dashing style, embellished with ornamental flourishes and abundant dotting of the *ice*. In the evening the ponds were very brilliantly lighted, and until a late hour hilarity reigned on runners. As it was on the Central Park Pond, so was it on the others—everywhere a hearty indulgence in the slippery pleasures of the season.

The sleighing yesterday was also excellent. The large sleighs of the various stage routes were out in force, and the jingling of bells was heard in all directions. The Central Park, Fifth-avenue and Madison-avenue were resonant in the afternoon with the merry tintinabulation.

CITY NOTES.—The Central Railroad of New-Jersey, for the West, by way of Allentown and Pittsburgh, will leave Pier No. 2, North River, on and after Dec. 26, at 8 P. M., instead of 7 P. M., as at present....WENDELL PHILLIPS will speak about "The Next Step," at the Cooper Institute, on Tuesday evening next....Yesterday morning the boiler of the steam-tug *Aspinwall* exploded, while the vessel lay at the foot of Eighteenth-street, East River. Mr. CHOSE, the engineer, and JOHN PRYOR, a fireman, were seriously scalded. The cause of the explosion is not known....THOMAS KERRIGAN was committed to the Tombs yesterday, for having stolen from the pocket of HENRY LONG, a watch and chain worth $150, in Nassau-street....JOHN RILEY, and CATHARINE, his wife, were arrested for picking the pocket of Mrs. NEILL, in Washington Market. The latter lost all the money she had, $19....DARCY RIVERS, a colored cook, late from the steamer *Grand Gulf*, fell down a flight of stairs at No. 2 Laurens-street, and fractured his skull, dying soon afterward....PETER MURPHY, carman, of Twenty-eighth-street, was found dead in his cart yesterday morning, in Washington-street.... We call attention to an advertisement from the managers of the Children's Aid Society, appealing to the benevolent for help in rendering Christmas joyful to the thousands of little ones who are solely dependent upon the good offices of that excellent organization.

SINGULAR APPEARANCE IN THE HEAVENS.—About 11 o'clock last night, the attention of persons in the street was drawn to three brilliant globes of light that appeared almost directly in the zenith. They were supposed to be a reflection of the great fire then raging in Beekman-street; but the atmosphere was clear, and there was not a vestige of cloud in the sky. The globes slowly melted together and formed a line of light, which gradually faded away.

Williamsburgh.

A NEW DAILY PAPER FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT.—A few influential gentlemen of the Eastern District last evening held a preliminary meeting, with a view to the establishment of a new daily paper. The matter was fully discussed, and it was resolved to start a joint stock enterprise with a capital of $60,000. One-third the amount was subscribed at the meeting. Hon. SAMUEL T. MADDOX is spoken of as the leading spirit in the new enterprise.

Important to Mothers.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately, depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States.

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR POOR CHILDREN.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, CLINTON HALL,
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NEW-YORK, December, 1864.

The day is approaching which, as the happiest in the history of the world, ought to be made the happiest in the year to the poor and unfortunate. On Christmas Day, all those who are enjoying the reunion of friends and dear ones at the family festival, who sit at well-filled tables and by cheerful hearths, and who call up all the sacred and social associations of the holiday, should remember the thousands and thousands of our city poor who have not even a home; who are weak with hunger and shiver with cold, while others have abundance; whom no man calls friend, and who live neglected and unhappy. Especially should the children of the more highly favored and well-off think on that happy day of the children of the poor and the unfortunate. Let them remember, then, how many a little boy has, through all the great city, not a place he can call *home*; but must sleep in boxes and cellar-ways; how many a little girl has no shoes, or hood or outside garment for the Winter's cold; how many a child runs barefooted to the industrial school through the December snow, and many a little mouth gets its first meal at the school dinner.

Will not the children do their part to make Christmas day joyful to the poor children of New-York by their kind gifts?

It is well known that the Children's Aid Society has under its charge now several thousands of these poor children. We propose, if the public second this appeal, to give a joyful festival to these unfortunate little ones.

Some who are homeless, and who are willing to go, we shall provide with a Christmas home, by sending them, under charge of our experienced agent, Mr. FRIEDGEN, to good families in the West.

To others, we shall give gratuitous lodgings in the News Boys' Lodging-house and the Girls' Lodging-house; hundreds of others will be provided with shoes and stockings, and warm garments, and at least one good meal.

Who will give a home to the homeless boys and girls? The expenses for this have increased and will amount now to at least $20. Who will send money for a pair of shoes, or a hood, or warm garment, or a bed-comforter for these destitute little ones? Who will give them a dinner?

The festival for each school and lodging-house is stated below, and the money can be sent for one or all, as the donor desires. Articles and food can be sent for, if requested.

It will be a great encouragement to the poor children if our friends can be present at some of these festivals.

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The German Social and Industrial School, No. 227 Rivington-st., will hold their festival in the lecture-room of the German Reformed Dutch Church, No. 129 Norfolk-st., between Rivington and Stanton sts., on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7½ o'clock P. M., with about two hundred young girls.

The Hudson River School, corner of 25th-st. and 9th-av., will celebrate Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The newsboys, at the Newsboys' Lodging-house, No. 128 Fulton-st., top floor, will hold their festival on Monday, Dec. 26, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The children of the East River School, No. 132 East 40th-st., will hold their festival at their school-room, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The First Ward School, No. 50 Trinity-place, near Rector-st., will hold theirs at the school, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Boys' School, with about 100 boys, will have a festival at their school-room, No. 276 East 11th-st., on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock.

The Italian children will hold their festival on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 7½ o'clock P. M., at the House of Industry, No. 155 Worth-st.

The children of the Franklin-street School will have a festival at their school, No. 106 Franklin-street, on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1865, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Fourteenth Ward School, corner of Baxter and Canal streets, at the school, on Thursday, Jan. 5, 1865, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Park School hold theirs at the school-room, corner of 70th-st. and Broadway, on Monday, Jan. 9, 1865, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Hamersley-st. School, No. 204 Bleecker-st., entrance on Cottage-place, with about 250 children, have their festival on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 3 o'clock P. M.

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CAPITAL STOCK . . . 300,000 SHARES. AT THE NOMINAL PAR OF $5 EACH—SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, $2 PER SHARE.

Stock subject to no further assessment.

50,000 SHARES, OR $100,000, RESERVED FOR WORKING CAPITAL.

A large majority of the stock of this company having been already taken in New-York and Philadelphia, the subscription books will remain open but a few days longer, at the offices named below.

NEW-YORK SUBSCRIPTION AGENTS.

FRANCIS A. PALMER, at Broadway Bank, No. 237 Broadway.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO., No. 52 William-st.
POLHAMUS & JACKSON, No. 43 Exchange-place.

☞ Maps and Prospectus can be obtained on application at the office of the Company.

PRESIDENT PETROLEUM COMPANY,

PRESIDENT, VENANGO COUNTY, PENN.

OFFICERS:

President, AMORY EDWARDS, Esq., New-York.
Treasurer, L. H. SIMPSON, Esq., New-York.
Secretary, J. EDWIN CONANT, Esq., New-York.
JOHN M. CLAPP, Esq., Gen'l Resident Superintendent.
Counsel, Messrs. PLATT, GERARD & BUCKLEY, N. Y.

DIRECTORS:

AMORY EDWARDS, Esq., New-York.
EBEN B. CROCKER, Esq., of Crocker & Warren, New-York.
FLETCHER WESTRAY, Esq., of Westray, Gibbs & Hardcastle, New-York.
J. M. CLAPP, Esq., President, Venango County, Penn.
L. H. SIMPSON, Esq., of L. H. Simpson & Co., N. York.

ITS LANDS ARE PUT INTO THE COMPANY AT the unprecedented low price of one hundred dollars per acre, the lowest ever known for oil-bearing territory, and forms its

CAPITAL STOCK, - - - - $5,000,000 IN SHARES OF $25 EACH, PAR VALUE—SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, $5 PER SHARE.

Being in full payment for a $25 share. No further call or assessment to be made.

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Subscription books, maps, and all other information, can be obtained at the office of the Subscription Agents,

L. H. SIMPSON & CO.,
No. 64 Cedar-st., New-York.

Or at the office of the Company, No. 71 Broadway.

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Near Bleecker-st.,
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Subscriptions received for the new popular 7.3-10 LOAN,

And the entire commission of $2 50 on each $1,000 allowed.

10-40 Bonds on hand for immediate delivery.

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U. S. COUPON AND REGISTERED BONDS OF 1881.
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ONE YEAR CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS.

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All denominations ready for immediate delivery. One-quarter per cent. commission allowed in all cases, and liberal terms made with Banks, Bankers, and Dealers.

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES

purchased, and on hand, for sale.

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NO. 56 WALL-ST.,

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GOODYEAR BROTHERS & DURAND,

BANKERS,
NO. 18 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK.

Interest allowed on accounts subject to check at sight, as with banks. Collections on all accessible points at the lowest rates.

ALL KINDS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, R. R. STOCKS, BONDS, GOLD, &c., bought and sold on commission. Orders in Philadelphia and Boston executed without extra charge. Coupons and interest on United States registered bonds collected.

CHAS. GOODYEAR, Banker, Schoharie Co. Bank.
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GEO. G. GOODYEAR. HARVEY DURAND.

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 34 CITY EXCHANGE,
BOSTON, Dec. 14, 1864.

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, held at Boston the 14th day of December, 1864, the foregoing report and account of the Treasurer was presented and accepted, and thereupon it was

Voted, That a dividend of $6 per share, free of Government tax, be and the same is hereby declared, payable on the 3d day of January next, to the holders of stock at the close of business on the 17th inst. Payment to be made to stockholders residing in Michigan and registered at Boston, at the office of the General Receives, in Detroit; to holders of stock registered in the City of New-York, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in said city, and to all others, at the office of the Treasurer, in the City of Boston.

Voted, That the Transfer Books of the Company be closed from the 17th to the 28th inst.

ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK. NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1864.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the choice of a Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come legally before them, will be held at the Banking Rooms, No. 318 Broadway, on the 10th day of January next (being the second Tuesday of the month), commencing at 10 A. M. and closing at 4 P. M.

W. H. FOSTER, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1864.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank, for the election of nine Directors and of three Inspectors of Election, to serve for one year, will be held at the Banking-house of this Bank, at Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on the 2d TUESDAY of January next, commencing at 12 o'clock at noon, and closing at 3 o'clock P. M. of that day.

The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 31 till after the said election.

D. W. VAUGHAN, Cashier.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 10, 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE readiness of this department to redeem, on presentation, by payment in lawful money, or by conversion into bonds, as authorized by law, the Three-Years Treasury Notes, bearing interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per centum, issued under act of July 17, 1861. Interest will cease on all such Treasury Notes not so presented after three months from this date, at which time, under the law, the right of conversion ceases. Holders thereof will govern themselves accordingly.

W. P. FESSENDEN, Secretary of the Treasury.

OFFICE OF THE SUSQ. AND WYOMING VALLEY RAILROAD AND COAL COMPANY, TRINITY BUILDING,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1864.

THE STATED ANNUAL MEETING OF Stockholders and election for Directors, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, January 24., a 2 P. M.

ELLIS POTTER, Secretary.

ST. MARK'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 67 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this company will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1865. Polls will be open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.

WASHINGTON POST, Secretary.

SAINT NICHOLAS BANK, No. 7 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1864.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, and for three Inspectors of the ensuing election, will be held at the Banking house on TUESDAY, the 10th January next. Polls open at 12 o'clock M., and close at 1 o'clock P. M.

A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

OFFICE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO.,
CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1864.

TO STOCKHOLDERS.—THE TRANSFER books of this company, at the agency in New-York and at this office, will be closed from the 1st to the 15th of January proximo, inclusive.

WM. E. WATSON, Secretary.

COMMISSIONER FOR NEW-JERSEY and other States—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 8, first floor near Park Bank.

FINANCIAL.

OIL CREEK AND MAPLE ISLAND OIL COMPANY.

CAPITAL, $500,000.
100,000 SHARES, $5 EACH.
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, $1.
TWENTY THOUSAND SHARES RESERVED AS A WORKING CAPITAL.

PRESIDENT,
D. O. C. WARD, M. D.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
EDWIN E. SIMPSON.

OFFICE,
ROOM NO. 17, NO. 400 CHESTNUT-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA.

No. 1. Is fifty acres of land, in fee simple, on the Hyde Farm on Oil Creek, about three miles below Titusville. There are three runs passing through this property, all of which empty into Oil Creek. This property lies in the very heart of the oil region, and from the well-known character of Oil Creek and the surrounding territory, it would be superfluous to enter into detail of the prospects of obtaining oil in large quantities.

No. 2. Is the undivided one-sixth interest, in fee, of Maple Island, situate in the Allegheny River, between Tionesta and Pit Hole Creeks. The territory on both sides of the Allegheny River, above and below this island, has proven to be good oil lands, as there are several wells now producing largely, in the immediate vicinity; and it is confidently expected that this island, when properly developed, will also yield largely.

No. 3. Is sixty-acres, in fee, on Schull's run, in Rockland Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, seven miles from Franklin, and one mile from the Allegheny River. The indications for obtaining oil on this property are of the most flattering character; there is also a large quantity of timber, which, at the present high prices of coal, will be a great saving to the Company in developing the lands. Schull's run forks on the adjoining property, and three of its branches run through the above sixty acres. The adjoining property has been sold to a Philadelphia Company for boring purposes, and they intend developing it at once.

The above-mentioned properties have been selected with great care, the company not restricting themselves to any one locality, their sole aim being to obtain territory in well-known producing districts. The company intend developing their lands immediately. On account of the low-priced subscription, this company offers superior inducements to those wishing to invest in oil stocks. The books are now open for a limited number of subscriptions at their office.

No. 400 CHESNUT-STREET,
Room No. 17.

HENRY A. HEISER & SON,

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BUY AND SELL
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We invite the attention of Banks and parties desiring short investments to our assortment of United States Six per Cent. Debt Certificates. We have them on hand due in every month of the year, at rates that pay better interest than any security in the market.

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OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF CREDITORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI R. R. COMPANY, (EASTERN DIVISION,) No. 88 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1864.

THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1865, ON the Preferred Certificates issued by this Trust will be paid on and after the 3d day of January, at this office, to those in whose name said Certificates stand registered, on the 24th inst.

The transfer books, both of Common and Preferred Certificates, will be closed at 2 P. M., on the 24th inst., and opened Jan. 5, 1865, at 10 A. M.

By order of the Trustees.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Chairman.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INS. CO.,
No. 51 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1864.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, prior to 1st January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premiums to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Acting Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
TRINITY BUILDING, No. 111 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1864.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY WILL close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon, and a statement of all claims for return of premium, to prevent discrepancies in the accounts.

THOS. HALE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HARMONY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO., No. 50 Wall-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1864.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS and Inspectors of Election of this Company, will be held at the office, No. 50 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the second day of January next.

Polls open from 10½ until 11 o'clock A. M.

DANIEL D. GASSNER, Secretary.

OFFICE SANDUSKY, MANSFIELD AND NEWARK RAILROAD CO., SANDUSKY, Dec. 20, 1864.

THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS OF his Company are hereby notified that the interest warrants falling due on the first day of January, 1865, issued with bonds, will be paid at maturity at the office f.ET. H. Gibson, Esq., No. 54 William-st., New-York.

C. L. BOALT, President.

MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY CO.—The interest on the First Mortgage Bonds of this company, due on the 1st of January next, will be paid at the office of the company, No. 25 William-st., on and after Jan. 3, 1863.

RUSSELL SAGE, President.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, No. 32 CHAMBERS-STREET.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—NOTICE IS hereby given that an additional One Per Cent. will be added on the 15th inst., to all taxes unpaid on that day. On the 1st of January following, interest at the rate of Twelve Per Cent. will accrue, to be calculated from the 10th day of October, 1864, to the date of payment.

JOHN MURPHY, Receiver.

SALT LANDS—AT SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, TOgether with salt works, for sale. Inquire of AMOS G. HALL, No. 41 Park-row.

DIVIDENDS.

EXCELSIOR PETROLEUM COMPANY.—SECOND DIVIDEND. The Trustees of this Company have this day declared a Dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT., payable Dec. 15, (free of Government tax,) at their office, No. 6 Broadway, N. Y. The transfer-books will be closed from the 10th to the 15th Dec., inclusive.

ARTHUR T. HURD, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1864.

OFFICE OF M. K. JESUP & CO.,
No. 59 EXCHANGE-PLACE, COR. BROAD-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1864.

THE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF ONE and three-quarters (1¾) per cent., free from Government tax, due Jan. 1, 1865, on Joliet and Chicago Railroad stock, and on Alton and St. Louis Railroad stock, will be paid on and after the 3d day of January next, by the United States Trust Co., No. 48 Wall-st., New-York.

M. K. JESUP & CO., Transfer Agents.

BULL'S HEAD BANK.—TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1864.—The Board of Directors of the Bull's Head Bank have this day declared their usual Quarterly Dividend of Three (3) per Cent., and an Extra Dividend of Three per Cent., both free of Government tax, out of the net profits of the past three months, payable on and after the 3d day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed from this date until the 3d proximo, inclusive.

G. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

MECHANICS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Dividend of five per cent., free from Government tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 3d of January next. The transfer book will be closed from this date until Jan. 3.

W. H. COX, Cashier.

ATLANTIC BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared, out of the profits of the last six months, a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable to stockholders, free of Government tax, on and after Jan. 3, 1865. The book of transfer will be closed from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4. By order.

R. W. R. FREEMAN, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. OUT of the earnings of the past six months, free from Government tax, will be paid to the Stockholders of this bank on and after the 3d day of January next, until which time the transfer books will be closed. By order of the board.

JAMES BUELL, Cashier.

ATLANTIC BANK, BROOKLYN,
BROOKLYN, Dec. 22, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Six Per Cent. on the capital stock of this Bank has this day been declared out of the profits of the six months ending the 31st inst., payable, free of Government tax, on and after the 3d day of January next. By order of the Board.

WM. C. RUSHMORE, President.

TRADESMEN'S BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT., FREE of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after the 3d day of January.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

The following Dividends (for November) have been declared payable Dec. 31, to Shareholders of record Dec. 20, 1864:

BRIGGS GOLD COMPANY.

Eighth Dividend..........................One Dollar per Share

CHASE GOLD COMPANY.

Third Dividend..........................One Dollar per Share

McKINLEY OIL COMPANY.

Fifth Dividend..........................Three Per Cent

CLIFTON PETROLEUM COMPANY.

Second Dividend..........................One Per Cent

FOUNTAIN PETROLEUM COMPANY.

First Dividend..........................One Per Cent

WALTER E. LAWTON, Treasurer,
No. 81 John-st., New-York.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK,
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 12, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Dividend of 15 Per Cent. and the Government tax out of the profits of the current six months, payable to the stockholders on and after the 5th of January proximo. The business of this bank will be discontinued after the 31st of December inst., and be merged into the First National Bank of this city.

J. S. FOX, Cashier.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE No. 73 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1864.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The transfer books of this Company will be closed on THURSDAY, Dec. 15, and reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1865.

A Dividend of 15 per cent., on the common and preferred stock, clear of National and State taxes, has been declared payable in common stock, on 31st Dec. next, on all stock standing on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 15th proximo.

Stockholders whose names are registered on the New-York books, will be paid at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 56 Wall-st.

S. BRADFORD,
Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD CO., PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15, 1864.

DIVIDENDS.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a Dividend of 2½ per cent, free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31 inst., and 3½ per cent., less the Government tax, on the third mortgage bonds for the six months ending Dec. 31 inst., the latter in anticipation of that due April 1, 1865. Both payable on and after Jan. 17, 1865, at the company's office in this city, and by the transfer-agents, WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 52 Wall-st., New-York, to the holders, as registered at the respective offices. The transfer books will close on the 31st inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., and will reopen on the 17th day of January thereafter. By order of the board.

W. H. BARNES, Secretary.

BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

THIRTIETH DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL Dividend of Ten (10) per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, has this day been declared from the profits of the current six months, payable on and after the 3d day of January, 1865.

By order of the Board,
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

CHATHAM BANK DIVIDEND.—A DIVIdend of Six (6) Per Cent., free of Government tax, out of the profits of the past six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after TUESDAY, 3d of January next, the Transfer Books to remain closed from the 23d inst. to day of payment inclusive. By order of the Board.

O. B. SCHREINER, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,—December 22, 1864.

DIVIDEND—A Dividend of Four per cent on the Capital of this Bank has been declared, free from Government Tax, payable on and after the 3d of January next.

Transfer books will be closed from the 22d inst. to the 3d of January.

By order. E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, No. 363 Broadway,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1864.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., FREE of Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank on the 3d day of January, 1865. The transfer books close on the 24th inst., to reopen Jan. 3, 1865.

By order of the Board, JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN BANK, No. 108 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable after first Monday of January next.

The transfer books will remain closed from Dec. 17 until Jan. 4, 1865. GEORGE I. SENEY, Cashier.

HANOVER BANK, New-York,
Dec. 16, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders on the 3d day of January next.

The Transfer Book will be closed from the 21st to the 31st instant. JNO. T. BANKER, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK,
Dec. 16, 1864.

161ST DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of five (5) per cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the 3d of January next. The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until the 5th of January next.

W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
Dec. 23, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER cent., free of Government tax, will be paid on the capital stock of this bank, on and after the 3d day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from date to Jan. 3, inclusive. By order.

G. L. CROWELL, Cashier.

THE PARK BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIrectors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six Per Cent. on the capital stock, free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders on the 31st December inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 21st to 31st December, inclusive.

J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK,
New-York, Dec. 13, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of five per cent., payable to stockholders, free of Government tax, on and after the 3d day of January next.

Transfer Books will be closed from Dec. 27 to 3d January, inclusive. A. MASTERTON, Cashier.

EAST RIVER BANK.—DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have declared a Dividend from the profits of the last six months of Four Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 3, 1865. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 23d inst. to Jan. 3, inclusive.

IRVING BANK.—TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—On and after the 30th day of December, by order of the Board of Directors, a Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., free of Government tax, will be paid the stockholders of this bank. Transfer books are closed to that day.

DANIEL V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

IRVING BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1864.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., FREE of Government Tax, has been declared payable to the stockholders on the 3d day of January next. The transfer books close on the 27th inst., and open on the 3d January, 1865.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

GROCERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. ON the capital stock of this Bank, free from Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders on and after January 3, next. By order of the Board.

SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

THE MARKET BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent. on the capital stock, free of Government tax, payable to stockholders on and after the third (3d) day of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from date to Jan. 3.

A. GILBERT, Cashier.

BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1864.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a semi-annual Dividend of five per cent., and an Extra Dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 3d day of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until the day of payment.

R. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

RUTLAND MARBLE COMPANY, NO. 25 PINE-ST.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Five per cent., payable on and after Jan. 4, 1865, to stockholders of record on that day. The transfer books will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, and reopened on Thursday, Jan. 5.

THOMAS M. WHEELER, Treasurer

SAVINGS BANKS.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK,

NO. 1 THIRD-AVENUE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—The Semi-annual Dividend, free from Government tax, at the rate of Six Per Cent. Per Annum on all sums from $5 to $500, and Five Per Cent. on sums over $500, will be payable on and after the 21st of January, 1865. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 5 to 7 o'clock.

THOMAS B. STILLMAN, President.

ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

NO. 96 WARREN-ST.

Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto. Open daily from 10 to 2 P. M., and on Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 4 to 7 P. M. N. B.—Money to loan on bond and mortgage.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BAXTER, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS,

EAST RIVER SAVINGS BANK.

No. 3 CHAMBERS-ST.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1864.

DIVIDEND.—The usual semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all sums from $1 to $500, and five per cent. on sums over $500, will be payable on and after the 16th day of January, 1865.

Bank open DAILY from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on THURSDAY EVENING from 5 to 7 o'clock.

WM. H. SLOCUM, President.

CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

Nos. 427 and 429 Canal-st., corner of Varick. Dividend. The semi-annual dividend, free from Government tax, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on all sums from $5 to $500, and five per cent. on sums over $500, will be payable on and after the 21st of January, 1865. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3, and on Monday Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 7 o'clock.

EDER V. HAUGHWOUT, President.

GARDNER S. CHAPIN, Secretary.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK—No. 1 THIRD-AV.

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THOMAS CHRISTY, President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.

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No. 283 BOWERY.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED on sums of $1,000 and under; 5 per cent. on larger sums. Deposits made on or before Jan. 3 will draw interest from Jan. 1. Open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

CHAS. PECK, President.

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CHATHAM SQUARE, NEW-YORK,
OPEN DAILY.
SIX PER CENT INTEREST ALLOWED.

Deposits made now, or on or before January 2, will draw interest from Jan. 1st.

M. D. VANPELT, President.

JOSEPH P. COOPER, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, by the Croton Acqueduct Board of said city, relative to the acquiring of lands for a Reservoir and appurtenances thereto in the said city, between One Hundred and Seventy-second and One Hundred and Seventy-fifth streets, and the Tenth-avenue and the Harlem River, in the said city, for the purpose of supplying such parts of said city with Croton Water as are not now supplied with the same.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, by the Croton Acqueduct Board of said city, pursuant to chapter ninety-five of the laws of this State, passed April Seventh, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-three, and chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the laws of this State, passed April Twenty-first, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four, hereby give notice to the owners, lessees, parties or persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises hereinafter mentioned and described, that they will apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a special term of said court, to be held at the City Hall, of the City of New-York, on MONDAY, the Twenty-third day of January, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-five, at the opening of the court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of three Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter, to estimate in favor of the several owners, lessees, parties and persons interested as aforesaid, a just and equitable compensation for taking all those lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises as lie between One hundred and Seventy-second and One hundred and Seventy-fifth streets and the Tenth-avenue and the Harlem River in said city, which said lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises the said Croton Aqueduct Board deem necessary for the building a new reservoir and appurtenances thereto, in the city of New-York, for the purpose of supplying such parts of the city of New-York with Croton water as are not now supplied with the same, which said lands and premises are laid out and described and are of the extent following, that is to say: commencing at the point where the line between the land of Eliza B. Jumel and of Richard F. Carman intersects the Croton Aqueduct land line, near the gate-house at High Bridge, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, and running thence north fifty degrees, twenty-eight minutes west on said Jumel's and Carman's line, six hundred and forty-nine two-tenths feet to the southeasterly corner of Tenth-avenue and One hundred and Seventy-fourth street, thence south thirty four degrees, west five hundred and sixteen eight-tenths feet on the easterly line of Tenth-avenue to the north easterly corner of One hundred and Seventy-second-street, thence at right angles to the last line south, fifty-six degrees east along the northerly line of One hundred and Seventy-second-street five hundre and eighty one-tenth feet to land line of Croton Aqueduct, thence on said last-mentioned land line north forty-seven degrees, sixteen minutes east three hundred and forty-six nine-tenths feet, thence also on said last-mentioned land line, north twenty-five degrees, twelve minutes east one hundred and four five-tenths feet, thence also on said last-mentioned land line, north forty-six degrees, thirty-three minutes east thirteen seven-tenths feet to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and five two hundred and six thirty-five one hundred square feet, or seven eight-one thousand acres.

Also, commencing at a point where the line between the land of Richard F. Carman and of Eliza B. Jumel intersects the westerly line of the Croton Aqueduct lands, near the gate-house, on the Manhattan end of High Bridge, thence on the said line, between the said Croton Aqueduct lands and lands of Richard F. Carman, west forty-six degrees thirty-three minutes east forty-six feet, thence on said line, between said Carman's land and lands of Croton Aqueduct, south seventy-eight degrees thirteen minutes, east three hundred and thirty-five feet, more or less, to low water mark; thence north eleven degrees forty seven minutes; east seventy-nine and five-tenths feet; thence north seventy-eight degrees thirteen minutes; west three hundred and ninety-two and six-tenths feet, to a point near foot-bridge; thence south thirty-nine degrees thirty-two minutes, west to dividing line between the lands of said Carman and Jumel, eighty-nine three-tenths feet, thence south fifty degrees twenty-eight minutes, east eighty-two five-tenths feet, to the point of beginning, containing thirty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty-four seventy-nine one-hundredth square feet, or seven hundred and ninety-eight-one-thousandths of an acre.

JOHN E. DEVELIN,
Counsel to Corporation.

DATED NEW-YORK, December 15, 1864.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK, *ss.*—Whereas, a libel of information hath been filed in the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of New-York, on the seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, by E. Delafield Smith, Esq., United States District-Attorney for the Southern District of New-York, on behalf of the United States, against the steamer *Vixen*, her tackle, &c., and cargo; and whereas the substance of the said libel of information is that said steamer and cargo was captured as lawful prize on or about the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, on the Atlantic Ocean, off Wilmington, N. C., by the United States steamer *Rhode Island*, Commander Stephen D. Trenchard, United States Navy, commanding, and brought to the port of New-York, and praying that the said steamer, her tackle, &c., and cargo, may be condemned as lawful prize to the use of the United States. Now, therefore, in pursuance of the monition, under the seal of the said Court, to me directed and delivered, I do hereby give public notice to all persons claiming the said steamer, her tackle, &c., and cargo, or in any manner interested therein, that they be and appear before the said District Court to be held at the City of New-York, in and for the said Southern District of New-York, on the 27th day of December, inst., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, (provided the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter,) then and there to interpose their claims, and to make their allegations in that behalf.—Dated this 17th day of December, 1864.

ROBERT MURRAY, U. S. Marshal, &c.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH, U. S. District Attorney, &c.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK, *ss.*—Whereas, a libel of information hath been filed in the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of New-York, on the 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, by E. Delafield Smith, Esq., United States District-Attorney for the Southern District of New-York, on behalf of the United States, against the steamer *Emma Henry*, her tackle, &c., and cargo; And whereas the substance of the said information is that said steamer and cargo was captured as lawful prize on the 8th day of December, 1864, on the Atlantic Ocean, in latitude 34° 13', north longitude 76° 43' west, by the U. S. steamer *Cherokee*, Act.-Vol. Lieut. Wm. E. Dennison, U. S. Navy, commanding, and brought to the port of New-York. And praying that the said steamer, her tackle, &c., and cargo may be condemned as lawful prize to the use of the United States. Now, therefore, in pursuance of the monition under the seal of the said Court to me directed and delivered, I do hereby give public notice to all persons claiming the said steamer her tackle, &c. and cargo, or in any manner interested therein, that they be and appear before the said District Court, to be held at the City of New-York, in and for the said Southern District of New-York, on the twenty-seventh day of December instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, (provided the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter,) then and there to interpose their claims, and to make their allegations in that behalf. Dated this 17th day of December, 1864.

ROBERT MURRAY, United States Marshal, &c.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH, United States District-Attorney, &c.

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MINOR & SOMERVILLE will sell at auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 24, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., very large and beautiful assortment of custom-made furs, comprising Hudson Bay Sables, Mink, Royal Ermine, Fitch and French Sable, Siberian and American Squirrel, Chinchilla and other fashionable Fur Circulars, Capes, Collars, Muffs and Cuffs.

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This Company will hold their Twenty-third Regular Monthly Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of December, 1864, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the office of the Company, No. 35 William-st., at which time they will offer, by JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., Auctioneers,

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JOHN BRISBIN, President.

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DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

By virtue of orders of sale to me directed by the Hon. Thos. J. Boynton, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Suthern District of Florida, I will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, Dec. 27, at 12 o'clock noon, from store No. 9 South William-st., cargo of schooner BADGER, 34 bales UPLAND COTTON.

Catalogues and samples at the office of Benner & Brown, No. 113 Wall-st., three days before sale.

THOS. W. CLAPP, U. S. Marshal,
Southern District Florida.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER WILL SELL on SATURDAY, Dec. 24, at 11 o'clock, in our gallery, No. 93 Liberty-st., to the trade and others, about 3,000 steel colored lithographic engravings, plain, tinted, colored and ornamented lithographs, copies of some of the best masters, in different sizes, &c., &c. Also, an assortment of fancy articles, carved in wood, consisting of reading-desks, card-baskets, carte de visite-holders, pen-racks, inkstands, savings banks, fancy inkstands, for parlor and library use. Photographic albums in large varieties.

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WILL SELL THIS DAY AT 11 O'CLOCK at the Auction Rooms, No. 1 North William-st., a fine lot of household furniture, rosewood parlor sets, marble-top bureaus, gas chandeliers, Brussels carpets, druggets, silver-plated ware, oak arm-chairs, rosewood bedsteds, hair matresses, play-house, looking-glasses, and a variety of fancy articles.

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MORNING STAR	Nelson	Saturday, Feb. 11.
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The steamship SAXON, LAVENDER, Master, will leave Pier No. 21, North River, as above, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, 1864, at 2 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, apply to WHITNEY & HATHEWAY, No. 52 South-st.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA, VIA NICARAGUA—SHORT ROUTE, LOW PRICES.—The Central American Transit Company will dispatch, on the 20th of every month, from Pier No. 29 North River, at noon, the fine steamship GOLDEN RULE, D. S. BABCOCK, Master, at greatly reduced rates of passage. For particulars, apply to D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent, No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren-st.

FOR HAVANA—THE NEW AND SPLENDID SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIP COLUMBIA,

Capt. BARTON,
Will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, at 3 o'clock, P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.

For freight or passage apply to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 29 Broadway.

The new and splendid steamship MORRO CASTLE, ADAMS, Master, will succeed the COLUMBIA, and leave on Jan. 4.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, by TAPSCOTT'S

favorite lines of LONDON AND LIVERPOOL PACKETS, sailing every week. Parties wishing to send for their friends, or remit money to the old country, can do so on the most favorable terms, by applying to TAPSCOTT, BROTHERS & CO., No. 86 South-st.

FOR PORT ROYAL AND BEAUFORT, S. C.—REGULAR LINE. The steamship CERES, SHERWOOD, Master, will sail for Port Royal, S. C., on TUESDAY, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 6, East River. For freight or passage apply to WHITNEY & HATHEWAY, No. 52 South-st.

RAILROADS.

NEW RAILROAD LINE SOUTH:

BROOKLYN TO PHILADELPHIA—THROUGH IN FIVE HOURS.

Fare, $2. Excursion Ticket, $3, (good for three days.) On and after TUESDAY, Nov. 1, 1864, by the commodious steamer JESSE HOYT, foot of Montague-st., Brooklyn, every day (Sundays excepted,) at 11 o'clock A. M., thence to Port Monmouth and by the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad to foot of Vine-st., Philadelphia. Returning leave Vine-st. wharf, Philadelphia, every morning at 8 A. M. (Sundays excepted.)

☞ Travelers from the City of New-York are notified not to apply for passage by this line, the State of New-Jersey having granted to the Camden and Amboy monopoly the exclusive privilege of carrying passengers and freight between the Cities of New-York and Philadelphia.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD

Trains for Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs, also connecting with the North and West, leave 26th-st. depot at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

RAILROADS.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

NEW BROAD GAUGE ROUTE.

Passenger trains leave New-York, via the Erie Railway, from foot of Chambers-st., running through to Cleveland, Ohio, without change of cars, connecting with railroads for all principal cities in the West.

This road is being extended, and will soon be in complete running order to Mansfield, Galion, Urbana, Dayton, Cincinnati and St. Louis, without break of gauge.

H. F. SWEETZER, General Superintendent.
T. R. GOODMAN, General Ticket Agent, Meadville, Pa.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE FROM foot of Chambers-st., via Pavonia Ferry:

7:00 A. M.—Day Express, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West. Connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

8:30 A. M.—Milk and Way Train, daily, for Otisville.

10:00 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, connecting with Lake Shore Railway.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train, for Port Jervis and Newburgh.

5:00 P. M.—Night Express, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.

6:00 P. M.—Lightning Express, daily, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and West, connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

8:00 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West.

CHARLES MINOT, General Superintendent.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.—WINTER ARRANGEMENT.—Leave New-York, James-slip and 34th-st., East River, at 9 A. M. Mail Train for Greenport, Sag Harbor, &c.; and on Saturdays at 3 P. M., Express Train for Greenport, stopping at stations east of Hicksville. For Farmingdale, Deer Park, Islip, Lakeland, Waverley and Yaphank at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. For Syosset at 10.30 A. M. and 4 P. M. (Stages connect for Cold Spring, Oyster Bay and Huntington.) For Winfield, Jamaica, Hempstead, &c., at 9, 10.30 A. M., 3, 4 and 5 P. M.

Sunday train leaves 34th-st., East River, at 9:15 A. M., for Yaphank, stopping at all stations, (except Hempstead and Syosset.) Excursion tickets sold for this train.

A. REASONER, Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—ON AND after MONDAY, Dec. 5, trains leave 30th-st. station for Albany and Troy, and places North and West, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M., 3:40, 6, and 10:30 P. M. Sleeping cars attached to the 6 and 10:30 P. M. trains from 30th-st. All trains leave Chambers-st. 30 minutes earlier than 30th-st. Sunday train, 6 P. M. from 30th-st. Through freight train daily. J. M. TOUCEY, Ass't Sup't.

N. Y. AND FLUSHING R. R. CO.—Trains leave Flushing 5:40, 7, 8, 9, 11 A. M., and 1, 3, 5, 6, 7:15 P. M. Trains leave Hunter's Point 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9.30, 11:30 A. M., and 2:30, 4:20, 5:30, 6:30 and 8 P. M. Extra trains leave Flushing at 11 P. M., and Hunter's Point at 12 o'clock TUESDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS. SUNDAY trains leave Hunter's Point at 10 A. M., 2, 5:30 and 8 P. M.

NORTHERN R. R. OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 8:15 A. M., 12:15 P. M., 4:32 P. M., and 6:05 P. M. The 9:15 A. M. and 4:22 P. M., run to Monsey.

THOS. W. DEMAREST, Sup't.
Nov. 1, 1864.

STEAMBOATS.

THE GREAT INSIDE ROUTE FOR BOSTON.

STONINGTON STEAMBOAT LINE,
VIA GROTON AND PROVIDENCE.
THE OLDEST, QUICKEST, SAFEST AND MOST DIRECT.
AVOIDING "POINT JUDITH."
The magnificent steamer
COMMONWEALTH,
ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
The elegant steamer
PLYMOUTH ROCK,
ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS,
AT 4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

These boats start from Pier No. 18 North River, (foot of Cortlandt-st.,) and are acknowledged by all experienced travelers to be among the largest, strongest, most comfortable and best that have ever run in American waters. At all seasons and in all weather, these boats invariably make the passage on time. Sumptuous suppers and luxuriously furnished state-rooms are marked features of these "floating palaces."

Berths and state-rooms may be secured at Harden's Express Office, No. 74 Broadway, and at No. 115 West-st., New-York, and at No. 76 Washington-st., Boston.

M. R. SIMONS, Agent.

FOR BRIDGEPORT.—THE STEAMER BRIDGEPORT leaves from Peck-slip, on and after Dec. 24, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY at 12 o'clock noon, arriving in time to connect with the Housatonic, Naugatuck, New-Haven, Hartford and Shore Line. Freight taken on wharf all day.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.—Steamers leave Peck-slip at 3:15 P. M. Trains north and east from New-Haven 11 P. M.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

10,000 VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY OF NEW-YORK IN THE ARMY.

BOUNTIES FOR THREE-YEAR RECRUITS:

County	$300
Government	300
Total	$600

FOR TWO-YEAR RECRUITS:

County	$200
Government	200
Total	$400

FOR ONE-YEAR RECRUITS:

County	$100
Government	100
Total	$200

HAND-MONEY OR PREMIUM:

For three-year recruits	$50
For two-year recruits	30
For one-year recruits	20

THE NEW YORK COUNTY VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE having filled all quotas under all calls up to this time, are now (under instructions of the Board of Supervisors) recruiting for the army, with a view to meeting any future demand for men. Recruits will be received as formerly at the several Provost-Marshals' offices, and at the County Volunteer Rooms in the Park corner of Broadway and Chambers-st., and on the Battery.

The following are the various Provost-Marshals' offices:

Fourth District—Capt. Joel B. Erhardt, No. 104 Liberty-st.

Fifth District—Capt. Henry P. West, corner of Broome and Crosby sts.

Sixth District—Capt. Coster, corner of Sixth-avenue and Thirteenth-st.

Seventh District—Capt. Fred. C. Wagner, No. 63 Third-avenue.

Eighth District—Capt. Benj. F. Manierre, No. 1,303 Broadway.

Ninth District—Capt. William Dunning, corner of Forty-seventh-st. and Broadway.

All recruits will receive the County Bounty, cash down, in their own hands, immediately on being sworn in. The Government Bounty is paid in three installments: one-third when the recruit shall be received at Hart or Riker's Island; one-third at the expiration of one-half of the term of service; and the remaining one-third at the expiration of the whole term of service.

C. GODFREY GUNTHER, Mayor,
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller,
ORISON BLUNT, Supervisor,
WM. M. TWEED, Supervisor,
ELIJAH F. PURDY, Supervisor,
WM. R. STEWART, Supervisor,
Committee on Volunteering.
ORISON BLUNT, Chairman.
Dated NEW-YORK, Oct. 24, 1864.

CAVALRY HORSES WANTED.

CAVALRY BUREAU, OFFICE OF ASST. QUARTERMASTER,
No. 18 State-st., NEW-YORK, July 27, 1864.

I will purchase in OPEN MARKET all the cavalry horses that may be presented and pass inspection at the Government stables, corner of 10th-av. and 35th-st., in this city, until further notice.

Payment will be made in checks, payable in certificates of indebtedness, when seven (7) or more horses are received. Price, one hundred and sixty-five ($165) each.

GEO. T. BROWNING,
Capt. and Asst. Quartermaster.

SHELDON & LEFFERTS,

NO. 40 PARK-ROW, (TIMES BUILDING) NEW-YORK
MILITARY AND NAVAL BANKERS

and Collectors; Bureau of Army and Navy Information. Officers' pay rolls, soldiers' pay, pensioners' pay. State and United States bounties collected. Clearances for officers obtained, &c.

HEADQUARTERS PROVOST-MARSHAL, FIFTH DISTRICT,
428 BROOME-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1864.

ALL PERSONS LIABLE TO DRAFT in this district, and others interested in filling its quota on the late call of the President for 300,000 men, are requested to use all means necessary to stimulate recruiting to the utmost extent. Every facility will be extended to patriotic citizens who desire to furnish substitutes in advance of the draft, or otherwise aid the cause. Now is the time to finish the rebellion by promptly responding to the call of the President. HENRY P. WEST,
Captain and Provost-Marshal.
DAVID MILLER, Commissioner.
JOSEPH HILTON, Surgeon.

SUBSTITUTES FURNISHED CHEAPER than by any other firm in this city, and no money required until the exemption papers are procured. Call on or address VANDERVOORT & MURRAY, No. 124 West-st., corner of Dey, up stairs.

PRISONERS OF WAR—Wife and widowed mother of all prisoners of war can be paid by application to our office. Also pensions, bounties, pay and prize money collected.

L. BROWN & CO.,
Military and Naval Collecting Office,
No. 2 Park-place, under Broadway Bank.

ARMY OFFICERS, MUSTERED OUT OR resigned can obtain through us speedy settlement of their ordnance and quartermaster account.

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PAROLED PRISONERS CAN HAVE THEIR commutation for rations promptly paid. Apply at the United States Army Agency, No. 64 Bleecker-st.

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MANUFACTURER OF
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WAREROOMS AND MANUFACTORY,
NOS. 75 TO 85 EAST 13TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK.

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MANUFACTURERS OF GRAND, SQUARE, AND UPRIGHT PIANO-FORTES, No. 652 BROADWAY.—The superiority of these instruments has of late been amply demonstrated by the voluntary testimony of the foremost artists of the day, who claim for them excellencies of tone and workmanship hitherto unobtained by any other makers.

Mr. GOTTSCHALK'S constant use of the NEW SCALE CHICKERING GRAND PIANO-FORTES has severely tested their musical qualities, and resulted in establishing the justice of the very flattering estimation in which they are held.

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WILLIAM B. BRADBURY'S GOLD MEDAL PIANO-FORTES.

Seven first premiums, including
TWO GOLD MEDALS, AND ONE SILVER MEDAL, were awarded to Wm. B. Bradbury for the "BEST PIANO-FORTE." The only GOLD MEDAL of the American Institute of 1863 was awarded to WM. B. BRADBURY, for the "BEST PIANO-FORTE."

An assortment of these magnificent instruments at No. 427 Broome-st., one block east of Broadway, New-York.

ESTABLISHED IN 1829.
RAVEN & BACON,
PIANO MANUFACTURERS,
No. 135 Grand-st., near Broadway, New-York.

The musical profession having of late become quite prominent in connection with newspaper advertisements of four or five piano manufacturers in this city, each firm claiming superiority for their instruments from the indorsement of the same distinguished artists, we fear the innocent public, unacquainted with the tricks of the trade, may find themselves mystified as to where to select the best piano for their holiday gifts.

We would state that, as our pianos have been favorably known in this market for nearly forty years, it has not been necessary for us to obtain the opinion of the profession in regard to their quality, the instruments speaking for themselves. We are continually introducing improvements in our pianos, and they are up to the age in every particular. Parties desiring pianos will do well to examine our stock and prices before making their selections.

CUMMINGS & JENNY'S,
MANUFACTURERS
OF
GRAND AND SQUARE
PIANO-FORTES,
No. 726 Broadway, New-York.

In these instruments are to be found the embodiments of these great qualities, volume, richness, purity and sonority of tone, which have so often met with the highest commendations of the leading artists throughout the country, and yet, they are offered to the public at prices from 25 to 30 per cent. lower than any other of equal quality.

Every instrument warranted for five years.

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GOLD MEDAL GRAND AND SQUARE PIANOS are now considered the best in Europe as well as this country, having received the first Prize Medal at the World's Exhibition in London, 1862.

The principal reason why the Steinway Pianos are superior to all others is, that the firm is composed of five practical piano-forte makers, (father and four sons,) who invent all their own improvements, and under whose personal supervision every part of the instrument is manufactured. Warerooms Nos. 71 and 73 East 14th-st., between Union-square and Irving-place, New-York.

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Known and esteemed as one of the BEST PIANOS manufactured, and for years have been used by the MOST HIGHLY CULTIVATED MUSICAL PEOPLE, and who will have none other.

Reference is made in all cases to parties who have the instrument, and they number thousands in this city alone, as to their qualities as a PERFECT PIANO in every respect. A fine assortment, recently from our factory, at our warerooms, No. 524 Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel. STODART & MORRIS.

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These Pianos have always received the first premium wherever they have been exhibited. A written guarantee for five years accompanies each piano.

THE PELOUBET HARMONIUMS AND Organ Harmoniums, with their smooth, pipe-like quality of tones and greatly superior pedals, are confidently offered as the best of their class, and the closest examination solicited.

Three Banks keys and pedals, No. 1	$600
Two Banks keys and pedals, No. 2, $475, No. 3	375
One Bank keys and pedals, No. 4, $300, No. 5	225
Double reed, superior 5-octave, $150, 4-octave	125
Single reed, superior 5-octave, $120, 4-octave	100

Send for a circular to the general depot. Address J. M. PELTON, No. 841 Broadway, New-York.

CAUTION.—Though of similar appearance, these instruments must not be confounded with the so-called "Cabinet Organs," the harsh tones of which are carefully avoided.

DECKER BROTHERS,
PIANOFORTE MANUFACTURERS,
No. 91 Bleecker-st., (marble building, one block West of Broadway,) invite attention to their new
PATENT PLATE PIANOFORTES,
of which the New-York *Tribune*, April 23, 1864, said: "One of the simplest and most truly valuable improvements yet made in the pianoforte is that invented and patented by Decker Brothers."
WARRANTED FOR SEVEN YEARS.

MASON & HAMLIN RESPECTFULLY announce that they have now completed the occupation of their greatly enlarged factory, and effected other arrangements for the large increase of their manufacturing facilities. They therefore confidently expect to be able henceforward to supply orders for their CABINET ORGANS promptly, without that inconvenient delay to which purchasers have been subjected, from the fact that for more than a year past they have been continually several hundred instruments behind orders. An assortment of styles from $110 to $600 each may be found at their New-York warerooms, No. 7 Mercer-st.

PIANO FORTES—NOTICE.—JAS. STEEDMAN begs to inform dealers, professors and the public that he is manufacturing first-class piano-fortes, with all the recent improvements, at moderate prices. All pianos warranted for five years. No. 40 West 13th-st., between 5th and 6th avs. Pianos repaired, tuned or taken in exchange.

A BEAUTIFUL ROSEWOOD PIANO—With carved legs and double carved lyre; finished back and front with heavy mouldings; pearl keys, pearl nameboard and key-slip; best city makers; will be sold at a bargain. Second-hand pianos, $100, $75, $50.
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EXCELSIOR MUSIC FOR VIOLIN, FLUTE, FIFE OR CORNET.—Only popular and newest tunes. "Dark Girl Dressed in Blue," "Daisy Dingle Schottisch," "I'm a Young Man from the Country," "A Darkey off the Track," etc. Eight books, 85c.; two numbers, 25c.
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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the name of McCREDY & ARMOUR, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partners will sign in liquidation.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1864. DENNIS A. McCREDY,
PAUL J. ARMOUR.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between N. BABCOCK, M. D., and CHARLES TOBIN, M. D., under the style and name of BABCOCK & TOBIN, No. 27 Bond-st., this city, is this day dissolved. CHARLES TOBIN.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1864.

SLEIGHS, SLEIGH-BELLS, ROBES, &c.—A large assortment sleighs, sleigh-robes, lap-rugs, &c., 1,000 straps silver-plated sleigh-bells, at retail. Carriages, harness, &c., all kinds. Three second-hand rockaways. C. WITTY, No. 450 Broadway.

No. 53 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Nov. 15, 1864.

HAVING ASSOCIATED WITH US MR. CHARLES H. DABNEY, the business of our firm will, from this date, be continued under the name of DABNEY, MORGAN & CO.
J. PIERPONT MORGAN & CO.

5,000 TONS FORGE AND FOUNDRY pig-iron, Scotch pig-iron, bar-iron, railroad iron, 50 to 60 pounds per yard; charcoal blooms and slabs for sale by A. H. JACKSON, [illegible]

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Mrs. Dove	Miss Fanny Morant
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MONDAY—Fourth time this season,
MASKS AND FACES.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY—
HOW SHE LOVES HIM.

Mr. Boucicault's new comedy, with entirely new scenery, dresses, furniture and appointments.

One of the greatest successes ever achieved in this theatre, given with a
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THE WIFE'S SECRET.—This charming play is in rehearsal, and will be produced at the earliest possible period.

Open at 7¼; overture at 7¾.

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Lessee and Manager........WM. WHEATLEY
SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 24,
REPITITION OF THE
GREAT BENEFIT BILL.
A BRILLIANT BILL.
☞ THREE PIECES!!!!!
MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS
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MR. BARNEY WILLIAMS in (three characters)
FAIRY CIRCLE,
CUSTOMS OF THE COUNTRY,
BARNEY, THE BARON.
Miss Isabel Freeman, Mary Wells, Skerrett, Burke, J. G. Burnett, J. W. Collier, J. Nunan, J. W. Blaisdell, E. B. Holmes, W. H. Danvers, Barry, &c., &c. in the
PRINCIPAL ROLES,
MONDAY, XMAS NIGHT,
A GRAND HOLIDAY BILL.
Seats secured six days in advance.

HIPPOTHEATRON. BEGINS AT 7¾.

THIS SATURDAY.
GRAND MATINEE TO-DAY.
SECOND WEEK OF M. VERREKE,
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YOUNG STICKNEY, THE BRILLIANT RIDER,
MARIETTA ZANFRETTA,
THE QUEEN OF THE TIGHT-ROPE,
LE PETITE GIORGA.
GRAND LEAPING ACTS.
THREE DOUBLE SOMERSAULT THROWERS.
AND ALL THE ARTISTS.

NOTICE.—The grand comic Christmas Pantomime of HARLEQUIN BLUEBEARD, will be produced with new scenery, dresses, decorations and magical tricks and transformations, on Monday Dec. 26.

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THREE GRAND MATINEES,
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JUST ARRIVED,
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THREE PERFORMANCES DAILY are given, at 11½ A. M., 3, and 8½ P. M., introducing ALL THE TRAINED ANIMALS, THE WONDERFUL PERFORMING MONKEY, Signor VICTOR, appears at each entertainment in his comical feats.—ADMISSION ONLY 25 CENTS. No half price.

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After which the new
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AND THE MAGIC CLOSET.
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IN AID OF THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF BROOKLYN,
AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN, DEC. 27, 1864.

Tickets can be obtained from members of the fraternity and all the principal music and drug stores.

THE NEW SENSATION OF THE DAY—Turkish Hall, No. 720 Broadway. Open every evening.

LADIES' BAZAAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS, will be held at the Everett Rooms, corner Broadway and 34th-st., from the 16th to the 30th of December, inclusive. Tickets of admission, 25 cents; Season tickets, 50 cents; Children half-price. The supply will consist of rich, fancy and useful articles, and a well selected assortment of Children's Toys. Store prices will be asked. The Refreshment room will form an attractive feature, being amply supplied with the delicacies of the season. In consequence of the hall being previously engaged, the Bazaar will be closed on Friday, but will reopen at the same place on SATURDAY, at 11 A. M., when the ladies earnestly solicit the patronage of their friends.

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Portrait of Admiral Farragut.—Thursday evening, at the New-England dinner, Admiral Farragut was presented, through Mr. L. M. Delavan, with his portrait engraved on steel by George E. Perine, the artist at No. 10 Cortlandt-street. The Admiral and his friends pronounced the likeness faithful in the extreme.

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Stocks were rather dull. Gold was active after the call, and sold down to 220¼; at close of the report, had rallied to 220⅜.

GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Friday, Dec. 23.

Receipts of Produce since our last, 12 bbls. Ashes, 2,374 bbls. Flour, 60 bbls. and 500 bags Corn Meal, 2,842 bushels Corn, 2,905 bushels Oats, 115 bushels Malt, 910 packages Provisions, and 179 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Ashes are scarce and inactive; Pots $12; Pearls, $13@$13 25, nominally, ℔ 100 lbs.

BEESWAX—Sales, 1,700 lbs. Western Yellow, on private terms.

CANDLES—Are in moderate demand at about previous prices.

COFFEE—The inquiry has been limited, to-day; prices have been unsettled.

COTTON—Has been in request, and held pretty firmly. Sales and resales since our last, 650 bales, including Middling at from $1 24@$1 25 ℔ lb.

FISH—Transactions have been on a limited scale, and prices have been somewhat nominal.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been very quiet to-day, though prices have favored buyers decidedly. Sales since our last amount to 7,100 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western, at $9 50@$9 85; poor to choice Extra State at $10@$10 40, chiefly at $10 10@$10 20; Round-Hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to very good shipping brands, at $10 90@$11 25 ℔ bbl.

Superfine State and Western........	$9 50	@$9 85
Extra State..................	10 00	@10 40
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	10 10	@12 75
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shp'g brands.	10 90	@11 25
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands.	11 25	@13 00
Extra Genesee..................	10 40	@13 00
Poor to choice Extra Missouri........	10 40	@14 75

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FRUIT—The market has been quiet, and prices have been unsettled.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in limited demand, though quoted down 3c.@5c. ℔ bushel. Sales, since our last, have been confined to 13,500 bushels, including White Canada at $2 65, and Milwaukee Club at $2 22 ℔ bushel. Corn has been inactive and heavy at $1 88@$1 91 for mixed Western, poor to choice, in store and afloat; and $1 78 for Jersey Yellow ℔ bushel. Rye has been neglected. Barley has been in moderate request; sales have been reported of 15,700 bushels at $2 06 for Canada West, and $2 for State, ℔ bushel. Beans have been in light supply, and quiet at $3 ℔ bushel. Oats are quiet and heavy; we quote Canada at 97c.@98c.; Western at $1 03@$1 04, afloat and in store; State at $1@$1 01 ℔ bushel.

HAY—North River is in fair demand at $1 45@$1 60 for Government and shipping, and $1 60@$1 75 for small lots for city use, ℔ 100 lbs.

HOPS—New are in request, and firm, at 30c.@52½c. for very inferior to choice, ℔ lb.

MOLASSES—Has been in limited demand, including New-Orleans, at $1@$1 25; Porto Rico, 85c.@$1 10; Cuba Muscovado, 70c.@90c. ℔ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Continue in limited demand, including Resin, nominally at $22@$35 ℔ 280 lbs.; Tar, at $7 50@$11 ℔ bbl.; Spirits Turpentine at $2 10@$2 20 ℔ gallon.

OIL—Continue inactive, including Crude Whale, at $1 50@$1 55; Crude Sperm, at $2 10@$2 20; Bleached Winter Whale, at $1 65@$1 70; Unbleached Sperm, at $2 40@$2 50; Linseed, at $1 42@$1 45; No. 1 Lard, at $2@$2 10 ℔ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Has been inactive, at 52c.@53c. for Crude, 72c.@74c. for Refined in bond, and 93c.@94c. for do. free, ℔ gallon; sales since our last, 1,600 bbls.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been more freely offered at reduced prices. The speculative demand has been less active; sales have been made of 5,100 bbls. at $39 12½@$39 75 cash, and regular for 1863-4 Mess, closing at $39 12½ cash; $41@$41 50 for New Mess; $38 50@$39 for New Prime Mess; $39@$40 for Thin Mess; and $35 50@$36 for New Prime, ℔ bbl. Sales were also reported of 1,500 bbls. 1863-4 Mess, January delivery, buyer's option, at $41@$41 25; 250 bbls. do., deliverable by Jan. 10, at $40; 7,250 bbls. New Mess, January delivery, including seller's options, at $42@$42 50, and buyer's options, at $42 50@$43; 1,000 bbls. New Mess, February delivery, seller's and buyer's option, at $43; and 1,000 bbls. New Prime Mess, January delivery, seller and buyer's options, at $40, ℔ bbl. Cut Meats are in fair demand, at 17½c.@18½c. for Shoulders, 19c.@23c., (the latter rate) for choice bagged, for Hams; sales equal to 400 pkgs. Bacon has been more sought after and sales have been made of 750 boxes for January and February delivery, including Cumbert and Cut at 20½c.@21c., long rib at 21c., and long clear at 21½c.@21¾c.; also, 30,000 lbs. short clear, very choice at 20c.@23⅞c. ℔ lb. Dressed Hogs are scarce and quiet at 17c.@17½c. for dressed, and 14½c.@14¾c. for live, ℔ lb. Lard is heavy and cheaper. Sales 1,850 tcs. and bbls. at 20c.@24½c. the latter rate for very choice. Beef is in fair request and firm at $21@$24 for New Extra Mess; $19@$22 for New Plain Mess; sales 1,050 bbls. Tierce Beef is quiet. Beef Hams are declining; sales 350 bbls. at $26 50@$27 25 ℔ bbl. Butter is quiet at 46c.@58c. for poor to choice, and 58c.@60c. for fancy State, and 36c.@50c. for Western, ℔ lb. Cheese continues inactive at 15c.@24c. for poor to very choice, ℔ lb. The movements in Provisions in Milwaukee, week ending with Dec. 20, Messrs. Jones & Co. review, thus: "The receipts of Hogs by railroad to date this season amount to 40,398 live and 19,179 dressed, against 46,423 live and 28,655 dressed, to corresponding date last year. The number brought in by other ways than by railroad is considerable, but cannot be correctly ascertained. The receipts reported for the past week aggregate 898 live and 9,524 dressed, against 1,819 live and 5,691 dressed, for corresponding period last year. The receipts for last twenty-four hours sum up 2,292 dressed against 630 live and 1,691 dressed for corresponding day last year. The packing this season to date amounts to about 82,000. The Hog market during the early part of the past week was active and excited, and Dressed sold as high as $15@$15 50 ℔ 100 lbs., but owing to more liberal arrivals and to the fall in products, prices have since declined to $14 25@$14 75, closing with considerable steadiness. The opinion prevails among some of the packers that we are now having our heaviest receipts, and that there will soon be a very noticeable falling off. The short crop belief seems to be very general, and there is much confidence expressed as to the ultimate result. Mess Pork sold a few days ago at $39 for January delivery, seller's option, and to-day for same delivery at $36 50, closing firmer with holders asking $37 for delivery this month. Prime Mess has sold at $37, but closes with sales at $35 50. Extra Prime closes at $28 50, with some holders asking higher figures. Clear Pork has sold at $40. Thin Mess scarce and nominal at $38. Cumberland Middles have sold pretty freely at 19c. for January delivery, but close quiet, with few buyers, and packers not anxious to sell. Short rib offered at 20c. Long cut Hams in good demand early in the week at 19c., packed. Sweet pickled Hams in tierces close quiet at 18c. Dry salted Shoulders 16c.@16½c. packed. The Lard market has not been active, but few shippers buying. Prime is held at 22c.@23c., according to views of holders, and No. 1 at 21c.@22c. Freight by all rail to New-York $1 38 ℔ 100 lbs. The weather during most of the week has been cold but not severe." The Cincinnati *Price Current* of Dec. 21, says; "The receipts of hogs by the various channels entering into the city, during the past week foot up about... 68,148

Previously reported..................	240,578
Total for the season................	308,726
Same time in 1863..................	307,569
Same time in 1862..................	435,917
Same time in 1861..................	232,700
Same time in 1860..................	263,363
Same time in 1859..................	372,870
Same time in 1858..................	336,043
Same time in 1857..................	261,353
Same time in 1856..................	312,702
Same time in 1855..................	328,885
Same time in 1854..................	275,635

The receipts during the corresponding week last year, were 27,523 head, thus showing a difference in favor of this season of 40,895, and for the season of 1863 1,155 head. The market this morning opened rather quiet under the unfavorable weather and the heavy decline in gold. Packers were offish, and most of them having as many hogs on hand as they can handle for several days to come, refused to purchase to any great extent. Drovers, however, under the appearances of more favorable weather, remained firm, and at the close they were asking $14 60@$14 75 for 200 lb. averages, killed this afternoon or to be killed to-morrow. $14@$15 per 100 lbs. net may be considered the whole range at the close.

RICE—Is quiet at about previous rates.

SALT—Is inactive and unsettled in prices.

SEEDS—Have been quiet and depressed. The last sale of Linseed was at $2 07½ in gold.

SPICES—Are less inquired for at irregular quotations.

SUGAR—Has been in fair demand, and somewhat unsettled. Sales since our last, 680 hhds., including Cuba, &c., at 18½c.@23c., and 430 boxes Havana at 18½c.@21c.; also 600 bags Bahia at 18½c. ℔ lb. Refined Sugars continue inactive at 24½c.@28½c. ℔ lb.

TALLOW—Sales, 106,000 lbs., at 17c.@17¼c., and 15,000 lbs. Grease, at 16c. ℔ lb.

TEAS—Have been quiet at former prices.

WHISKY—Has been less active and depressed. Sales since our last, 1,500 bbls., in lots, at $2 20@$2 25, closing heavily at $2 20 ℔ gallon.

FREIGHTS—The market has been dull and heavy to-day. For Liverpool—The engagements have been 200 bbls. Flour on private terms; 200 tcs. Beef at 1s.; 15 tons Tallow on private terms; 150 boxes Bacon at 12s. 6d.; also, by steamer, 250 boxes Bacon, at 20s., 1,500 boxes Cheese at 25s. For London—100 bales Hops at 3-16d.; 250 hhds. Tobacco at 30s. For Antwerp—80 hhds. Tobacco at 30s., and 70 tons Logwood at 25s. For Bremen—100 hhds. and 200 cases Tobacco at 27s. 6d. and 17s. 6d., respectively. For Bombay—A British bark on private terms. For Cadiz—A bark, with light Pipe Staves, on private terms. For River Platte—A British brig, with Lumber, at 815 in gold. For Havana—600 tcs. Lard and 500 boxes Bacon, at 1c. ℔ lb., payable in gold.

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A few mornings since, at daylight, a young girl but 16 years old, was found waiting at our gate for admittance. She had been putting up medicines, was now out of employment for a time, could not pay her board, and her landlady said she could not keep her longer, and she had spent the night before in the hall of her old boarding-house. She was an orphan and had no relatives. An intelligent Canadian girl, of very prepossessing appearance came to ask for shelter. She had no friend or acquaintance where she could get a meal or stay for a day. She had earned by sewing barely enough to board and clothe herself; had now been out of work some time, owed for three weeks board; landlady would keep her no longer, and retained her clothing to secure the payment of the amount due for board. We took her into the house, aided her to a little clothing, and obtained a situation for her as seamstress and waitress in one of the best families in the city.

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Farrar—O'Rielly.—At Paterson, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, by Rev. J. M. Waite, Sidney Farrar and Catherine G. O'Rielly, both of Paterson.

Howard—Antrim.—On Tuesday, Dec. 20, by Rev. Alfred H. Partridge, Edward Howard and Anna B. Antrim, daughter of John S. Antrim, all of Brooklyn, E. D.

Marsh—Adee.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, at Trinity Chapel, by Rev. Morgan Dix, J. Rolph Marsh and Caroline W., daughter of the late Thos. T. Adee, of this city.

Perkins—Harward.—At Georgetown, D. C., on Wednesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. S. Pyne, D. D., Major D. D. Perkins, U. S. Army, and Lizzie, only daughter of Thomas Harward, Esq., of Bath, Me.

Satterlee—Livingston.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. Dr. Cooke, Frederic W. Satterlee and Matilda C., daughter of the late Schuyler Livingston, Esq.

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Yerbury—Farrar.—At Paterson, on Thursday, Dec. 22, by Rev. J. M. Waite, George S. Yerbury, of New-York, and Eliza Farrar, of Paterson.

DIED.

Conant.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, Abel B. Conant, M. D., Surgeon of the late 7th Ky. Regiment of Volunteers. Friends are invited to attend the funeral, at 1 P. M. on Sunday, Dec. 25, at the residence of his brother, Dr. D. S. Conant, No. 27 East 24th-st., without further notice.

Caldwell.—In this city, on Friday, Dec. 23, Mary Frances, only daughter of James W. and Sarah S. Caldwell, aged 1 year and 16 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 148 West 43d-st., on Sunday, the 25th inst., at 2 o'clock, without further notice. The remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

Cramer.—On Friday morning, Dec. 23, Minnie, daughter of Stephen and Jane Ann Cramer, aged 9 months and 13 days.

The remains will be taken to Rhinebeck for interment.

Hurles.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, Harriet E., youngest daughter of Richard S. and Fanny Hurles, aged 16 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 313 Washington-av., Brooklyn, this day, (Saturday,) the 24th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

Myers.—On Friday morning, Dec. 23, David Harriot, infant son of John and Hannah M. Myers, aged 2 months and 5 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this day, (Saturday,) at 11 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, 124th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., Harlem.

McCulloh.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the residence of her son-in-law, Wm. J. Brown, in Orange, N. J., Mrs. Abby S. McCulloh, widow of the late James W. McCulloh, of Baltimore, in the 66th year of her age.

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Nicoll.—On Friday, Dec. 23, at his residence, No. 6 West 21st-st., S. T. Nicoll, Esq.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the Calvary Church, corner of 4th-av. and East 21st-st., on Monday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 3½ o'clock. The remains will be interred in the family burying-ground at Mastic, L. I.

Stagg.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, Philip Stagg, aged 74 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 12 M., without further notice. The remains will be taken to Greenwood.

Shaw.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, James W. Shaw, in the 98th year of his age.

His friends and relatives, and those of his sons, Robert L. Shaw and James E. Shaw, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, without further invitation, at his late residence, No. 141 West 47th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., on Saturday afternoon, the 24th inst., at 1½ o'clock.

Vanauken.—On Friday, Dec. 23, Elizabeth Ann, youngest daughter of Howard and Eliza Vanauken, aged 4 years and 8 months.

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Valentine.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, Carrie, only daughter of David and Caroline M. Valentine, aged 3 years and 4 months.

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Wagstaff.—On Friday morning, Dec. 23, Capt. Robert Wagstaff, aged 56 years.

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